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## Rota stores run out of rice

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**L**arge and small stores on Rota have run out of rice to sell due to shipping and delivery problems that remain unclear to them.

Rota storeowners and employees confirmed the rice shortage with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, saying the situation has been ongoing for about two weeks now.

Lanie Manglona, a cashier at the Lucky Store, disclosed that their store ran out of stocks of white rice last week after they failed to get a fresh delivery that was supposed to arrive two weeks ago. Since then, their remaining stock of brown rice has also been sold out.

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The Department of Public Safety remains cryptic about the identity of the human bones found in Kagman III, even as family members have started hosting daily rosaries for Ricardo Muña Quitugua.

Quoting DPS Commissioner Ramon Mafnas, press secretary Angel Demapan said the department has no additional comments at this time on the remains found.

"Remember, this case is being treated as a homicide, which is standard procedure until sufficient evidence, assessment and evaluation is concluded and final determination is made," said Demapan,

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### TOWNHALL MEETING

A community member, left, shows his actual power bills, which he describes as "too high" during a townhall meeting that Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan hosted at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe Tuesday night. Community members exchanged ideas and aired their concerns on a host of issues, including the need to further improve utility service, a bill proposing a CNMI-only resident status for a limited group of people, the sorry state of the economy, among other things.

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For the first time in the CNMI's recent history, senators will be asking the CNMI Bar Association to investigate the attorney general for alleged ethics violations.

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## Ogumoro is reinstated as DPS deputy chief—again

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REPORTER



Controversial range master Ambrosio T. Ogumoro has been reinstated—again—as deputy commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

Sources said that DPS Commissioner Ramon Mafnas issued a memorandum either on Monday or Tuesday, appointing Ogumoro.

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## Local

# Only 2 of 29 lawmakers show up at Kilili's townhall

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Only two of 29 invited members of the CNMI House of Representatives and Senate showed up at Tuesday night's townhall hosted by Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, where-in community members aired their concerns and exchanged ideas about the high cost of power, the slow economy, and HR 1466.

Sablan said he's glad that Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) and Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) were able to directly face community members on a host of issues.

There are 20 members of the House, and nine from the Senate.

Some lawmakers interviewed yesterday gave different reasons for not being able to join Sablan at the townhall. But it was only Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) who believes that most of "27 others" who did not attend "are snub, but most of them will have their own excuses."

Torres said he did not attend because the invitation stated that the discussion would focus on non-federal matters. "I wanted to hear about federal issues... we already know about local issues," he said.

At the townhall itself, held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, discussions involved both local and federal matters.

Torres said one of the possible reasons why many of the House members didn't attend was because they, just like him, voted "yes" last week on a resolution that in essence rejects Sablan's HR 1466. Only six minority members supported Sablan's bill.

HR 1466 proposes a "CNMI-only resident status" for a limited group of people.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) said he totally forgot about the townhall, but he would have attended it. But he said he has been seeing Sablan almost every time the delegate is in the CNMI.

Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), for his part, said he wasn't able to join because he had a meeting with the Kagman Neighborhood Watch in his precinct.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said he was at a meeting on Saipan on Tuesday night, but he said he makes it a point to be at Sablan's townhall on Rota.

He said he supports the delegate's regular townhall, which gives people an opportunity to

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), front-right, talks about his views on a bill proposing a CNMI-only resident status for a limited group of people, while Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan, left, looks on during a townhall meeting that Sablan hosted Tuesday night at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Sablan invited 29 CNMI lawmakers to the townhall, but only Yumul and Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan) were able to show up.

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directly hear from the delegate on issues in Washington, D.C. and in the CNMI.

Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian) said he's always supportive of the delegate, but he wasn't able to attend because of the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee's budget hearings on Tinian on Tuesday night.

Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said he was also at the budget hearings

on Tinian, and also expressed support for the delegate.

Other lawmakers asked did not respond to questions as of press time.

Sablan invited the 29 lawmakers, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores and acting governor Eloy S. Inos. But Sablan said he understood that the acting governor won't be able to attend because he's still mourning his wife's passing. Sablan didn't

invite Gov. Benigno R. Fitial because he knew the governor would be off-island anyway.

The delegate has been holding townhall meetings since he first got elected as the CNMI's first nonvoting delegate to Congress. Tuesday night's added feature was supposed to be the 30 other elected officials he invited.

One community member, Richard Puhalla, lauded the delegate for doing a good job. Puhalla also said amid the problems in the western district of Garapan—including abandoned and unsightly buildings, overgrown and rat-infested vegetation, and garbage—CNMI lawmakers seemed to be more focused on banning people from hanging their underwear where tourists could see them.

"Is that the best our elected leaders could do? ...Do not waste your time with little things," Puhalla said.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), author of the bill that Puhalla was talking about, stood up and said it was only one of the many steps the Legislature has taken to help tourism.

At 8:07pm, when Palacios was addressing the townhall, the lights went off. That was only a few minutes after community members complained about the high cost of power in the CNMI and the need to use alternative or renewable energy.

Yumul, for his part, talked about HR 1466, which he said should be carefully read and understood by members of the community.

## Tuition, fees avert payless paydays at NMC

### » BOR approves \$836K supplemental budget to cover shortfall

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Tuition and other fees collected from Northern Marianas College students will be saving its personnel from the threat of payless paydays, which is now being experienced by employees of other agencies because of declining government revenue and collections.

The Board of Regents adopted yesterday a supplemental budget amounting to \$836,160 that will cover the salaries of personnel and utility consumption until September.

Chief financial and administrative officer Roger Madriaga told the board yesterday that the college already knew since

the start of fiscal year 2011 that it will experience a shortfall because it was only budgeted at \$4.1 million for personnel and operation. Of that amount, about \$300,000 is for utilities. NMC has close to 200 personnel, including federally funded workers. In the middle of the fiscal year, the administration implemented another 7.8 percent budget cut, including at the autonomous NMC.

To save NMC personnel from payless paydays and for the college to continue paying for its utility expenses, Madriaga said that they have to find \$836,160 to cover the shortfall. He recommended that the college tap some funds from its tuition and fee accounts in order to survive

until the end of the fiscal year.

"If appropriated funds cannot cover for the shortfall, we have to look for another source to pay our employees and we decided to tap into our tuition and fees, otherwise there would be payless paydays for our employees," Madriaga told the board.

NMC has two funding sources: appropriation from the Legislature, most of which is spent on personnel; and tuition and fees, which covers non-personnel expenditures.

It was earlier disclosed that the college generated a total of \$4.227 million from this year's tuition and fees from students.

Madriaga also disclosed yesterday that the Finance De-

partment is behind four times in transferring the college's allotments. "If we fall behind in transfers, we must also come up with our own cash [from tuition and fees] to pay our personnel. We must maintain a positive cash flow, otherwise our checks will bounce."

According to regent Frank Rabauliman, Madriaga's recommendation went through full review and discussion at the committee level.

NMC president Sharon Hart reported to the board that the college is still in austerity and, in tapping some funds from tuition and fees, the management has opted to suspend some programs and activities to accommodate the pressing need of ensuring that employees will be paid on time.

## Fitial extends off-island trip; now in San Diego

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has extended his off-island trip and is now in San Diego, California after attending a renewable energy fair in Fairbanks, Alaska on Sunday.

The administration earlier said he's expected to be back early this week.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that the governor is expected to be back on Monday, Aug. 22.

"He is now in San Diego, where he will be meeting with officials from the Department of Justice," Demapan said.

It's not known what the meeting with Justice is all about at

this time.

Fitial and first lady Josie Fitial left for Alaska on Aug. 12 to attend the 6th Annual Renewable Energy Fair on

Aug. 14, at the invitation of Chena Hot Springs Resort owner Bernie Karl and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska). The administration expects Murkowski to also visit Saipan next year.

The couple's Alaska trip came barely two weeks after they returned from almost a month of off-island trips for personal and official business in Japan and the U.S. mainland.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who just buried his wife of 40 years on Monday, has been the acting governor since Friday.



Fitial

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# Sichuan Airlines eyes direct flights to Tinian

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Representatives of Sichuan Airlines have expressed their intention to bring direct flights to Tinian within the year during a recent meeting with Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero.

Dela Cruz confirmed yesterday that he met with airlines officials about two weeks ago, along with Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino chair Michael Kwan, during which Sichuan Airlines affirmed its commitment to fly to the island.

Sichuan Airlines already flies to Saipan, with four weekly charter flights from Guangzhou and Shanghai that are jointly chartered by Tinian Dynasty Travel and Century Tours.

"They have indicated their desire to explore the possibility of direct flights to Tinian. As a matter of fact, that would be the catalyst for the municipality's decision to invest in ground support for these anticipated direct flights," said Dela Cruz.

The Tinian Legislative Delegation recently cancelled plans to install an instrument landing system at the Tinian airport, diverting the \$3.5 million funds to other airport projects.

Dela Cruz said the municipality is now awaiting a formal plan from Sichuan Airlines before it moves forward with procuring airport equipment such as cargo conveyor, ladder for the deplaned passengers, and the construction of a fuel farm.

"I am now waiting for Sichuan Airlines and Tinian Dynasty to turn in their written solid commitment specifically

mentioning their plans so we can ask the delegation for the commitment of some monies for the improvement of the airport ground terminal," said the mayor.

Dela Cruz also confirmed that Sichuan Airlines has indicated that it could fly to Tinian without the ILS, a ground-based instrument approach system that provides precision guidance to an aircraft landing on a runway.

Although airline representatives did not provide a specific timeframe as to when they are coming to Tinian, Dela Cruz is optimistic that it will start flying within the year—probably during the holiday season in December.

Because of budget constraints, the municipality had suspended holding its traditional grand fireworks display during New Year's Eve. Dela Cruz promised to revive this tradition if Sichuan Airlines will fly in during the holidays.

If there's a concern for the

Sichuan Airlines, it is the lack of a fuel storage tank, Dela Cruz said. Once plans are ironed out, Tinian will build the fuel farm, he added.

Dela Cruz added that the airline will also consult with the Customs and Border Patrol and Transportation Security Administration to seek guidance for its planned direct flights to Tinian.

CPA's Deleon Guerrero also confirmed meeting with the airline officials. "Sichuan Airlines said that they do not need an ILS system to land at the Tinian airport and have been working on a schedule to begin service to the island," he said Tuesday.

Deleon Guerrero said the anticipated direct flight to Tinian is a result of increasing load demands from China.

Saipan Tribune learned that

Sichuan Airlines is planning to use a Boeing 757 for its flights to Tinian. The airline is currently using an A-330 for its weekly charter flights to Saipan.

## NMC board supports giving voting rights to student rep

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The Northern Marianas College Board of Regents has agreed to support a bill that would add a student representative to the board, with equal rights and privileges as a voting member.

Senate Bill 17-57, if enacted into law, will increase the voting members from seven to eight.

At present, the NMC board is composed of seven voting members, all appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. Three individuals also serve as honorary members with no right to vote—the presidents of the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and the Associated Students of NMC.

In the legislation proposed by Sen. Jovita M. Taimanao, it seeks to give NMC students a direct voice on the board by appointing a voting member for them. The measure, which the board discussed at length yesterday, received the full support of members.

However, because there are some "constitutional issues" that have been raised relating to the selection of the students' representative, the board adopted a resolution that will ask the governor to make an appointment at the recommendation of the Board of Regents.

According to NMC board legal counsel Jesus Borja, the Constitution clearly states that all board regents must be appointed by the governor. To prevent future constitutional challenges, he recommended that the new member must seek the governor's appointment.

Maria Calilong, acting AS-NMC president who sits as an honorary non-voting member, recommended to the board that the individual who will be selected for the position must come from the ASNMC because its officials have already

been elected by students.

Board chair Juan Lizama and NMC president Sharon Hart said they plan to meet with senators before the measure is voted on at their next session.

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## Saipan Chamber of Commerce 2011 Survey of Wages, Salaries and Benefits

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce (SCC) is currently performing its **2011 Survey of Wages, Salaries & Benefits**, where most businesses and government offices have received copies of the survey with instructions from SCC's contractor, The Guam Employers Council's Andy Andrus.

The survey and instructions were originally prepared for distribution at the end of July with a closing date of September 9, 2011 for the return of all completed survey responses. SCC will begin supplying those organizations that participated in the **2011 Survey of Wages, Salaries & Benefits** with the survey and benefits report by the end of September. Only those submitting completed survey responses to The Guam Employers Council will receive immediate access to the survey's final report at the end of September.

Although the **2011 Survey of Wages, Salaries & Benefits** can be utilized as a valuable tool for businesses in their companies future plans for employee salary and benefit packages, SCC accepted and is performing the project primarily for assistance in determining prevailing wage rates for foreign workers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), while protecting local employees and their rightful jobs.

SCC is utilizing a methodology that has been formulated after careful communication with the United States Department of Labor and its Office of Foreign Labor Certification. Those that will petition the United States Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for employment visas under H-1 and H-1B categories will be able to utilize the material provided in SCC's achieved survey report as a part of that process.

The **2011 Survey of Wages, Salaries & Benefits** is not only vital to that process, but serves all business and government as well. SCC sees this undertaking as an opportunity to initiate prevailing wage determinations reflective of the current real, economic climate in the CNMI, as opposed to that found in Los Angeles, Honolulu or Guam, and as an extremely valuable tool in keeping the cost of business affordable in these challenging economic times.

This message is aimed at all businesses and the CNMI government. Whether you are a member of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Marianas Visitors Authority, the Society of Human Resources Management, the Rotary Club, the bar association, a realtor, medical clinic, engineering firm, insurance firm, airline, newspaper, golf course, school, tour agent, oil company, telecommunication firm or a government department or agency, this applies to you whether you will petition USCIS, or not.

Everyone needs to participate in this survey to assure the report is as valid, accurate and representative of current job classifications and wages and salaries in the CNMI as possible. Please complete your surveys and return them as soon as possible so we can meet our projected completion date.

For those that have not received their survey forms, those that would like to participate but were not on the original distribution list, or more importantly to those mistakenly believing this will not affect them, please contact the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at 233-7150/52, or at [coordinator@saipancommerce.com](mailto:coordinator@saipancommerce.com), to participate in the SCC wage survey.

President Douglas Brennan and the SCC Board of Directors



## ROTA

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All store employees and owners interviewed yesterday said that they were only told that the delays were caused by problems with shipping, which they don't have full information about. They are expecting the delayed delivery to come in on Saturday.

Manglona, who has been with Lucky Store for two years now, said that this was her first time to experience a shortage of rice in the market.

Lucky Store has two outlets on Rota: one in Songsong and one in Sinapalo III. *Saipan Tribune* learned that both establishments have no rice stocks for their customers.

"Last week, I can say that our store was still okay because we still had a few stocks of brown rice for our customers. But when we found out that the delivery will be delayed again for this weekend, that's when we started to worry because people are really waiting and asking for the rice supply," she said.

Among the rice brands customers were specifically looking for are the Jasmine and Calrose brands.

Manglona said that Lucky Store usually receives a delivery of commodities every two weeks. Last week, they were supposed to get the first shipment for the month but they were later informed that it may be delayed for another weekend.

An employee at the 3 Kings Store in Sinapalo confirmed that their store shares the same predicament. 3 Kings has an outlet in Sinapalo 1 and 2. Both stores have run out of rice supply since two weeks ago.

"Now that people can't find rice anywhere, we're seeing an increased sale from our breads and flour [commodities]," said the employee, who asked not to be identified, adding that many residents are resorting to buying flour and breads as replacement for rice.

At its sister company, Harvest Store, the same situation prevails, according to employees. Harvest Store, located in Songsong, sold its last stock of rice on Monday last week. Since then, employees said that they have been receiving a barrage of inquiries and complaints from patrons.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that 3 Kings and Harvest establishments last received their shipment in the second

week of July.

A part-time employee of one of the major stores on Rota who declined to be named also confirmed the rice shortage. She revealed that for every shipment, she gets over 40 sacks of rice and these usually last two weeks, depending on the demand.

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola did not return calls for comment yesterday.

Rota Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Juan Ayuyu expressed surprise that there was an issue about the rice supply on his island.

He said the matter is under the municipality's control and that he or the delegation has not been informed about it by the municipal government. He promised to check and obtain more information from the mayor and the Commerce Department on island.

He said that issues like rice shortages or any major concerns that directly affect the lives of Rota residents should have been taken up with the appropriate agencies.

The lawmaker said that if the situation warrants an emergency declaration, the delegation will recommend one to the municipality in order to rectify the problem.

## DPL to lease out Rota Paupau Hotel land

The Department of Public Lands is now working on soliciting proposals from investors interested in leasing the former Rota Paupau Hotel in Liyo, Rota.

DPL secretary Oscar M. Babauta said a group of Chinese investors has cancelled the lease on the property, previously operated by a Japanese investor group.

"Right now, we're in the process of

preparing the RFP [request for proposal]," he said.

DPL is also conducting an assessment of the property. Babauta said the hotel sits on 22,000 square meters or 2.2 hectares of public land.

The former Rota Paupau Hotel has two separate buildings, 72 hotel rooms, office spaces and a restaurant. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

## DPS

From Page 1

quoting the commissioner.

*Saipan Tribune* learned from family members, who strongly believe that the remains belong to Ricardo Muña Quitugua, that they have started holding rosary prayers.

The rosary will be conducted until DPS finally releases the remains to the family.

Elbert Quitugua said that he checked his uncle's shack in Kagman III, but his uncle, whom he described as a loner, was not there.

The vicinity were the bones were

recovered Sunday morning was reportedly Ricardo Quitugua's daily morning routine path from his shack to the CYC Kagman Market, where he routinely buys newspapers, cigarettes, beer, and other items.

Elbert Quitugua earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that some people in the area would rob their uncle of food, throw rocks at his shack, and harass him.

Elbert Quitugua said the family believes that robbery could be the possible motive as his uncle has a \$674 monthly pension money from Supplemental Security Income.

Ricardo Quitugua just turned 72 last week.

## OGUMORO

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moro as deputy commissioner.

Press secretary Angel Demapan confirmed that Mafnas has indeed reinstated the range master to his former post.

"By law, the commissioner has this appointing authority," Demapan said.

Demapan said his office has yet to receive a copy of Mafnas' appointment letter.

Former DPS commissioner Santiago F. Tudela first terminated Ogumoro as deputy commissioner on May 19, 2010, but Gov. Benigno Fitial reinstated Ogumoro to the position on July 7, 2010.

In November 2010, Tudela again ter-

minated Ogumoro as deputy commissioner for alleged retaliation against some employees and for having an expired employment status.

At that time, Tudela said that Ogumoro's employment contract as range master expired on Sept. 30, 2010, and was not renewed. Tudela had also stated that Ogumoro's appointment as deputy commissioner was never completed with a valid personnel action.

In March 2011, Tudela disclosed that the administration renewed Ogumoro's employment contract as range master. As range master, Ogumoro is in charge of re-certifying law enforcers with their assigned guns.

At that time, Tudela stressed that Ogumoro did not get back his previous position as DPS deputy commissioner.



File photo shows sacks of Thai jasmine rice being sold at one of the stores on Saipan.

SAIPAN TRIBUNE

## BUCKINGHAM

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cal violations.

The Senate adopted yesterday afternoon a resolution requesting the CNMI Bar Association's Disciplinary Committee to investigate Attorney General Ed Buckingham for ethical violations when he approved a sole-source ARRA management contract worth almost \$400,000 despite ethical concerns.

Senators also adopted a second resolution asking the Office of the Public Auditor to supplement with its own report and recommendations to the CNMI Legislature a U.S. Interior's Inspector General report on the ARRA contract award.

Senators took turns saying that Buckingham, as the highest law enforcement officer in the CNMI, is expected to abide by ethics rules all the time.

"He should know better," Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) said.

Senators also said that former Commerce secretary Michael Ada, whose private firm bagged the sole-source contract, was a "victim" in this situation because he, along with Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan, relied on the attorney general's decision that it was appropriate to approve the contract despite ethical concerns.

Press secretary Angel Demapan,

when asked for comment, said the Senate "is free to adopt resolutions as they please."

"The administration is confident that the attorney general will be ready to respond accordingly to inquiries that may arise through the probes called for in the resolutions," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

CNMI Bar Association vice president Maya Kara, when asked for comment, said if the Senate would like to file a disciplinary complaint, it could do so by writing a letter to the Bar Association.

CNMI Bar Association president Sean Frink was off-island yesterday.

By a vote of 6-1, senators adopted Senate Resolution 17-62.

The six who voted "yes" were Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and the five authors of the resolution—Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), Reyes, Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota).

Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan) voted "no," while two were absent—Sens. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian).

### 'Step in the right direction'

Before the voting, Cruz urged his colleagues to adopt the panel's committee report and resolution.

Cruz is the chairman of the Senate

Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations, which came up with a report and recommendation to the full Senate to have the attorney general investigated for ethical concerns.

He said it is their duty as senators "not to ignore this issue" especially when members of the public are asking for a resolution of the matter.

The Inspector General report had said that the Fitial administration's sole-source contract with Ada's Integrated Professional Solutions may have violated local procurement rules and ethics regulations.

Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the investigation into the AG "is a step in the right direction."

He said IPS's Ada is "in the middle of all this" because of "guidance from the AG."

Ayuyu also said Ada "is the victim here."

The Senate resolution also cites the IG report quoting Gov. Benigno R. Fitial as saying that, if problems arise regarding the sole-source contract and the AG tells him to rescind the contract, he would do so.

"It appears that Attorney General Edward Buckingham approved the sole-source contract knowing that Michael Ada had a conflict of interest and there were ethical concerns regarding the contract. ... It further appears that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Procurement and

Supply's Herman Sablan approved the sole-source contract based on Attorney General Edward Buckingham's legal review and approval of the contract," the resolution reads.

It also says Buckingham has an ethical duty and obligation to uphold the Constitution and laws of the CNMI at all times, "which he failed to do when he approved the sole-source contract knowing that there were ethical concerns with the contract."

The Interior's IG investigated allegations of fraud connected to the sole-source award of the ARRA management contract to Ada's IPS. The contract award came just a few days after Ada resigned as Commerce secretary and as CNMI lead for the ARRA program, raising ethical concerns on post-employment restrictions, restraint on use of public position to obtain private benefit, and negotiating for non-government employment, among other things.

The resolution says Buckingham was also investigated for violating the CNMI Ethics Code when he hosted a political gathering at his residence for a candidate during the November 2010 election.

"The Senate is extremely concerned about allegations or reports of ethical violations by the attorney general because he is mandated to uphold and enforce the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth and the people have

lost confidence in his ability to do his job effectively," it says.

### OPA report

The Senate also adopted by a vote of 7-0 Senate Resolution 17-62, which requests OPA to supplement the Interior IG's report on the CNMI ARRA management contract with its own report and recommendations to the Legislature.

The public auditor, Michael Pai, is being asked to prepare a written report, including a summary of his investigation, a complete transcript of any proceeding including but not limited to any testimony he heard, and including recommendations for such administrative or legal action as he or she deems appropriate.

During the session, Reyes said the public auditor "should not hide behind his desk and do his job."

Pai has yet to respond to media requests for comment as of press time.

The Senate resolution says OPA received ethics complaints regarding the subject matter but it decided not to conduct its own investigation in an effort to avoid compromising the federal investigation.

"In order to trigger the provisions of the CNMI Ethics Code in this matter, the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor must issue a report and recommendations pursuant to 1 CMC 8562," it adds.



# 2 arrested for allegedly stealing truck, selling it later

## » Truck owner jumps from car, reports to police

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REPORTER

Police have arrested two persons who allegedly pretended to be truck buyers, stole the vehicle, and subsequently sold it to another person.

The truck owner, threatened with bodily harm by the suspects, was forced to jump from a car at a traffic light intersection in Sadog Tasi, police said. He later reported the matter to authorities.

## Govendo retains \$10K cash bail for cop in domestic violence case

Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo ordered yesterday that the bail for Police Officer 2 Jerome Agulto Reyes be kept at \$10,000 cash and directed him to stay away from his girlfriend, whom he allegedly beat up in front of her child at their Kannat Garden's Apartment residence.

Preliminary hearing will be on Aug. 25 at 9am. Arraignment will be on Aug. 29 at 9am.

The 35-year-old Reyes appeared in court without a lawyer and stated that he could not afford to hire his own counsel.

Govendo said he was informed that the Office of the Public Defender could not represent Reyes as the OPD is already representing the alleged victim in a separate case.

When asked by the judge about his service firearm, Reyes said it is already with the Department of Public Safety.

"You are not going to be re-issued a service firearm until

Jack Ichiro Sablan, 25, was served with an arrest warrant in Tanapag on Tuesday. His alleged accomplice, Gina A. Aldan, 35, was arrested in Kolblerville yesterday.

Sablan and Aldan were to be taken to the Superior Court yesterday for their initial court appearance on charges of robbery, theft by deception, conspiracy, and theft of vehicle. Bail was initially set at \$5,000 cash each.

Detective Jeffrey I. Norita stated in his report that the truck owner went to the Department of Public Safety's front desk on June 24, 2011, to

report the incident.

Earlier that day at 4pm, Norita said, the owner was in the process of selling his 1992 4X4 pickup truck to Aldan and Sablan for \$5,000.

The owner granted Sablan's request to test-drive the truck, while the owner and Aldan was finalizing payment and documentation.

In the course of collecting payment, the owner realized that Aldan never meant to pay him, and claimed that Aldan threatened that she and Sablan would beat him up if he keeps asking for payment.

According to the victim's statement to police, he received a call on June 24, 2011, from Aldan who said she was interested in buying the truck,

at the time on display in the open field along Beach Road in Chalan Kanoa near the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

The car owner and Aldan met at a bank and they were joined by Sablan, who arrived aboard a sedan. Sablan asked to test-drive the truck so the owner handed him the truck's keys. Sablan drove off with the truck, leaving the sedan for the victim and Aldan.

Aldan then told the owner that they needed to see Sablan's father in Tanapag before she would turn over the money. Upon arriving in Tanapag, Aldan insisted that the victim hand her the bill of sale so she could show it to Sablan's father. The owner refused but Aldan allegedly grabbed the

document from him and took it inside the house.

Moments later, Aldan came back and insisted that the victim sign the bill of sale, which he reluctantly did. Aldan and the truck owner then left for the bank.

As they were heading south, Aldan allegedly began coming up with excuses to deviate from going to the bank, at one point telling the owner to get out of the car. The owner refused and begged Aldan pay him. Aldan got angry and allegedly threatened that she and her boyfriend, Sablan, would beat him up if he continues asking for payment.

The owner jumped out of the vehicle as they approached the Sadog Tasi traffic light intersection and ran away. He later re-

ported the matter to the police.

In his interview with police, Sablan claimed that Aldan bought him the truck as a gift and that he had let his cousin, John C. Sablan, borrow it. Sablan claimed witnessing Aldan give the owner an envelope that contained \$5,000 as payment for the truck.

Norita and another detective then interviewed John Sablan at his residence on June 30 and learned that Sablan and Aldan sold him the truck for \$1,500 on June 27—three days after they took the truck from the owner.

John Sablan said that Aldan and Sablan came to his residence to sell the truck and that he trusted Sablan because they are first cousins.

this case is over because this is alleged domestic violence," Govendo told Reyes.

Reyes' father, former DPS commissioner Sandy Tudela, was present at yesterday's hearing.

Reyes, assigned to the Koban Station in Garapan, was arrested Tuesday afternoon for assault and battery, disturbing the peace, assault, and child abuse.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that the girlfriend had called a probation officer Monday afternoon that she was a victim of domestic violence involving her live-in partner, Reyes. The victim reportedly sustained bruises on the right arm, left wrist, shoulder, neck, rear right ear, and right side of the back.

The beating allegedly happened on Saturday at 2:30pm, in the presence of the girlfriend's 9-year-old daughter. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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MARIANAS PUBLIC  
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MARATTA and  
EMILIA E.  
MARATTA,

Defendants.

Civil Action No.  
06-0554-CV

NOTICE OF  
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the attached Motion to Confirm Sale of Mortgaged Property by Plaintiff has been filed with the Court and said Motion is set for a hearing on this 29th day of August, 2011, at 1:30p.m., before Judge Govendo in the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Dated this 13th day of July, 2011.

/s/CLERK OF COURT

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Notice is here by given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on August 30, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 217A before Associate Judge Perry B. Inos.

Dated this 3rd day of August, 2011.

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## IN NINE MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR

## CUC generates \$12M in water, wastewater revenues

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. recorded \$12.054 million in water and wastewater revenues in the first nine months of the fiscal year, ending June 30. This is \$4 million shy of the projected total revenue of \$16.1 million for the entire fiscal year.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren described current revenue figures as "pretty

close" to projections.

This actual operating revenue is from Oct. 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. Total revenue is expected to change when fiscal year 2011 ends on Sept. 30.

For the water division, CUC registered \$9.238 million in revenue, a bulk of which came from residential customers, amounting to \$4.525 million. The rest are from commercial customers (\$1.864 million) and payment from the government

(\$2.848 million).

CUC had projected to earn \$12.318 million in fiscal year 2011, with residential customers expected to pay \$6 million; commercial customers, \$2.486 million; and the government, \$3.798 million.

Warren believes that CUC's water metering program is one of the reasons for the variance. "I believe the revenue shortfall can be directly attributed to the very active water metering

program. Once customers are metered and billed for actual consumption, they have a real incentive to conserve," Warren told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

"We apparently under-estimated the amount customers would conserve once they were made aware of their actual consumption. This conservation is a good thing, considering our very limited water resources and the high cost of pumping and delivering the water," he added.

For the wastewater division, the utilities corporation posted an actual revenue of \$2.815 million from October 2010 through June 2011, broken down into: \$674,240 from residential customers; \$1.296 million from commercial customers; and \$845,021 from the government. CUC had projected wastewater revenue for the 12-month period to reach \$3.754 million.

According to Warren, this shortfall is due to the consump-

tion that were not previously billed by CUC. "On the wastewater side, we have been very busy identifying and billing customers who are connected to the wastewater system but were previously not billed."

Based on CUC records, the utilities firm has budgeted operating revenues of \$18.428 million for fiscal year 2011. These include \$14.2 million for water and \$4.2 million for wastewater.

## Humanities Council dinner, auction raises \$15K

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REPORTER

The NMI Council for the Humanities' anniversary fundraising dinner at the Pacific Islands Club's Magellan Restaurant on Aug. 12 yielded over \$15,000 in net earnings.

Over 300 advocates and supporters attended Friday's event, which celebrated the council's 20 years of fostering awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities.

Executive director Scott Russell said the amount includes some \$4,800 generated from the silent auction—a first for the council. The silent auction featured donated merchandise and artwork from local artists, including Robert Hunter, Karen Cabrera, Tony Cabrera, Leslie Ware, Ed Propst, Del Benson, Gordon Salas, and Jack Hardy.

"We're still waiting for some last minute tickets to clear but we're looking at a bit over \$15,000 net income. ...Under the circumstances, under the very poor economic situation that the Commonwealth is experiencing now, we were very pleasantly surprised," Russell told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Russell, they received feedback that the event brought together all supporters of the humanities "that normally might not get together if it hadn't been for that event."

"That was an unforeseen ben-



CLARISSA V. DAVID

Humanities Council executive director Scott Russell, right, checks out some of the donated artworks that are part of the silent auction at the council's 20th anniversary fundraising dinner last Friday. The event, attended by over 300 humanities advocates and supporters, raised over \$15,000 in net income.

efit of the fundraiser," said Russell. "It was quite nice to see all those different people together. I think everybody had a pretty good time."

Russell said the money will

be used only for the council's programs and not for operations. The council's 2012 fiscal year begins on Nov. 1.

"We haven't identified a specific program yet because we'll

be using this probably for next year's budget. So we have a couple more months in this fiscal year and then we'll be putting together our budget for 2012," added Russell.

## Institute gives teachers overview of CNMI history

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REPORTER

Fourteen teachers from Saipan are scheduled to complete today the 2011 Teachers Institute sponsored by the NMI Council for the Humanities.

The Teachers Institute is a bi-annual program that gives teachers an overview of CNMI history, from the first human settlement of the archipelago 4,000 years ago to the social, economic, and political issues confronting Commonwealth residents in the 21st century.

The program, which is open to all K-12 classroom teachers in public and private schools, requires the completion of a three-week course that allows

teachers to satisfy history certification requirement.

This year's program featured eight instructors, including visiting historians Carlos Madrid and Dirk Spennemann, local historian Don Farrell, former justice Jose C. Dela Cruz, Jessica Jordan, and Scott Russell.

Today's session, the last for the program, will feature local historians Lino Olopai and Brenda Tenorio who will discuss Current Issues and Cultural Preservation.

"I think [Teachers Institute] is a really rewarding experience for teachers," said Russell, executive director for the Humanities Council.

According to him, the program is beneficial for all teachers, not

only for those who come from other countries such as the Philippines or the U.S. mainland.

"Local residents who have lived here all their lives... they're quite surprised there's a lot of things that they've never heard about," he said.

Russell noted that they have fewer participants this year compared to previous years, saying they used to have between 35 to 40 teachers for the program.

"I'm not exactly sure of the reasons yet. We're going to have to sit down with PSS and figure out what exactly the reason was," he said.

Russell also noted that they know that some teachers on Rota and Tinian had recently taken another course that would

also allow them to receive PSS certification.

The executive director disclosed that they were supposed to implement this year a new format wherein the instructors will hold separate presentations on the three islands instead of just having it on Saipan and teachers on Tinian and Rota participating remotely via teleconference.

"We said we wanted to make this equally rewarding for all teachers and so we set this thing up and then it turned out that there wasn't any teachers on Rota and Tinian that really needed it so we had to go back to just having it on Saipan," he said.

All participants will receive completion certificates.

## 'Public transit good news for man'amko'

Office on Aging director Rose Mondala said the creation of the CNMI Office of Transit Authority is welcome news for all senior citizens in the Commonwealth.

"With this office, some of our *man'amko* will be able to avail of public transportation because it will have a schedule and go from village to village," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial established last week the CNMI Office of Transit Authority as mandated by Public Law 17-43, which he signed in May.

He appointed Thomas J. Camacho as the first special assistant for public transportation in charge of the new office within

the Office of the Governor.

Mondala, who also serves in the Council for Developmental Disabilities board, said the *man'amko* at the Aging Center will no longer need to drive their cars or be picked up by their service vehicles once a viable public transportation system is in place.

"I'm really pleased. This will take some of the pressure off from our office," she said.

The new office will also be a good thing for the rest of the public, according to Mondala. "Those who don't own cars don't have to worry because they will still be able to reach their destination." (Clarissa V. David)

## JKPL gets into campaign versus underage drinking

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Staff of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library just finished a training program that will enable them to help in the fight against underage drinking and driving.

Executive director John Oliver Gonzales said that library staff participated in the training held from Aug. 16 to 17 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa in Garapan. It was conducted by the Community Guidance Center, which had awarded the library a grant to fund its underage drinking prevention program.

"It's a training for our staff to know more about the conditions and guidelines for the grant, how we can spend it, how we can market the program, and the evaluation component of the grant," Gonzales told *Saipan Tribune*.

CGC's Project Brabu awarded the CNMI's state library \$68,400 for its Just Keeping People Literate through Cultural Literacy After School Programs or Project JKPL CLAP.

Project JKPL CLAP, Gonzales said, aims to address the issue of underage drinking and driving in the community

through the promotion of cultural as well as health and wellness literacy.

According to Gonzales, the training would help ensure that they meet their obligation as grant recipient and enable them to evaluate the program's integrity, effectiveness, and sustainability.

With the completion of the training, Gonzales said they now plan to start work on implementing Project JKPL CLAP. This includes partnering with community stakeholders such as the Public School System and youth centers.

Gonzales said they plan to hire coaches for various sports camps that promote physical activity, ingrain the importance of health and wellness, and encourage the youth to stay away from underage drinking. He said they will also hire cultural artists to teach participants about craft making and performing arts.

"In addition, we will work with the Probation Office to invite probationers and those who violated the underage drinking law to be featured as speakers and inspire our participants to learn from their mistakes and accidents," added Gonzales.



**COMMUNITY BRIEFS****Tinian Health Center notice**

This is to inform all patients of the Tinian Health Center that, due to our physician and nurse practitioner being on sick leave, we kindly ask for your patience and understanding until their return. However, we will continue to provide emergency treatment. **(PR)**

**Free business workshops set**

The CNMI Small Business Development Center, in partnership with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, will be conducting the following free workshops:

- **How to start a business:** Aug. 23, 9am to 11am
- **How to write a business plan:** Aug. 24, 9am to 11am
- **How to read financial statement:** Aug. 25, 9am to 11am

All workshops will be conducted at the Saipan Chamber of Commerce office (233-7150), first floor Famila Building, Garapan. Deadline for pre-registration is 12pm, Aug. 22, 2011. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made 72 hours in advance.

For more information contact Ralph Yumul at 664-3018. **(PR)**

**CNMI Library Council meeting today**

The CNMI Library Council will have a meeting today, Aug. 18, 2011, at 3pm at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe. The public is invited to attend the meeting in our effort to promote an organizational culture of inclusion, transparency, and accountability for and in partnership with the patrons and general public being served by our public libraries.

The agenda will include reports on various funding sources and federal grant programs; reports on library operations, activities, programs, and circulation; reports from Library Council's Program, Finance, and Policy committees; and the FY 2012 JKPL Budget Request to restore normal library operating hours to better serve the community. For more information, contact JKPL at 235-7315 and/or 7322. **(JKPL)**

**Marine Lab presentation Friday**

The Marine Lab hosts a presentation on Aug. 19 titled "Sustainability for the Mariana Islands: Creating a network to preserve limestone forests through the classroom." The presentation will be held in the Marine Lab classroom at 4pm on Friday, Aug. 19.

The Ecology of Bird Loss Project has been conducting research in limestone forests in the Mariana Islands for 6 years studying the impact of the loss of birds on Guam. For the past two summers, the project has received an NSF grant to fund local high school teachers to experience field research and develop a plan to enhance ecology education in their classrooms.

This Friday, we'll host Sabina Perez, Mary Garvilles and Annette Pladevega as they share their research experiences from this project. **(UOG)**

**MHS Class of '82 reunion meeting**

Marianas High School Class of 1982 will be having a class reunion meeting on Saturday, Aug. 20, 6pm at the Minatchom Atdao. If you have any questions, contact your class reunion chairperson James Lizama at 287-4026. **(PR)**

**FSM to accede to UN protocol against trafficking**

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—The First Special Session of the 17th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has adopted a resolution to accede to the United Nations Protocol against Trafficking in Persons.

Through Congressional Resolution 17-15, Congress has authorized the FSM to accede to the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. The Protocol is a supplemental to the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime.

The resolution was among the legislations adopted before Congress adjourned sine-die on Aug. 6. Congress is expected to convene for its second regular session on Sept. 12 for a 20-day period unless extended or shortened by resolution. **(PR)**

**Navy training on FDM, Warning Area-517**

The U.S. Navy will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Aug. 18-20, from 7am to 12am, and on Aug. 24, from 7am to 12am. The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Aug. 22-24, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical-mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. **(USN)**

**Chacha Jr. High School 7-8 graders orientation on Sept. 2**

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that Chacha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having an orientation for 7th and 8th grade students on Sept. 2, 2011, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the cafeteria. Call the school at 237-

3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. **(PR)**

**Kagman High re-registration ongoing**

Students planning on attending Kagman High School must re-register in order to get a schedule of classes. The purpose of this is to update our records and contact information. Incoming 9th graders from Hopwood, if you have not registered yet, do it soon! Required documents: copy of birth certificate, school entrance health certificate, copy of medical insurance card, official transcript, legal guardianship document (if needed) and registration application (which includes an E-Rate income survey). Official registration will end Aug. 19. Late registration will be accepted, but placement in choice classes depends on early registration! **(KHS)**

**Kagman High orientation schedule**

Kagman High School will be holding an orientation for freshmen and sophomores on Aug. 25, 2011. The freshmen orientation will be from 9am to 10am, while the sophomore orientation will be from 10:30am to 11:30am. The orientation for juniors and seniors will be on Aug. 26, 2011. Juniors will have their orientation from 9am to 10am, while seniors will have theirs from 10:30am to 11:30am. For more information, call the KHS main office at 237-3840. **(KHS)**

**Registration info for Saipan Southern High**

Saipan Southern High School students who have been elevated from Junior High are not officially enrolled if your parents/legal guardians did not submit a registration form. Pick up forms from the counseling office and submit ASAP for your child to be enrolled in SSHS. All returning students that attended SSHS last year must return all textbooks and settle all obligations with the school, before you can pick up your class schedule.

Schedules are to be picked up at the Counseling Office as follows:

- Seniors, 12th Grade, Aug. 22, Monday, 9am-4pm
- Juniors, 11th Grade, Aug. 23 Tuesday, 9am-4pm
- Sophomores-10th Grade, Aug. 24 Wednesday, 9am-4pm

All transfer and new students enrolling at SSHS in grades 10, 11, and 12 are required to attend an orientation on Aug. 25, Thursday, 9am-4pm, with their parents or legal guardians. Freshman student orientation on Aug. 26 will be held in two different sessions--from 9am-11am and from 1pm-3pm. Attend only one session with parents or legal guardians. No students will be allowed to attend the orientation without parents or legal guardians in attendance.

For more information, call the SSHS principal directly at 237-3702 or the SSHS main office at 664-4000. **(SSHHS)**

# Court accepts guilty plea in turtle poaching case

A man accused of poaching a green sea turtle in 2010 pleaded guilty Tuesday as part of a plea deal and was sentenced to six months in prison, all suspended except for three months.

Vicente A. Sablan was given credit for time served and will be placed on three years of probation after serving his sentence.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo also required Sablan to pay a \$500 fine, forfeit the fishing gear he used to take the turtle, and perform 200 hours of community service. He shall not fish or apply for a fishing license, or board any boats for the duration of his probationary period.

Sablan admitted that, on

Sept. 9, 2010, he knowingly and willingly removed a green sea turtle from the ocean to the land of the CNMI, violating administrative regulations and laws of the CNMI.

Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest said the Office of the Attorney General is pleased with the conviction and credits several individuals and organizations for this success.

"This is yet another of numerous convictions which directly result from the great job done by the conservation officers and inspectors from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. The CNMI has a Joint Enforcement Agreement with NOAA

regarding policing endangered species crimes" Ernest said, "and we appreciate its continued support and cooperation."

Fish and Wildlife officers were reportedly tipped off to the poaching by a concerned citizen.

"Community involvement is essential to our efforts and I encourage anyone who has information of a violation of the Endangered Species Act or Commonwealth law to contact DPS or DLNR-DFW as soon as possible" Ernest said. "We are fortunate that we have a dedicated team of law enforcement officers and attorneys who take environmental matters seriously." **(Saipan Tribune)**

## Grant boosts Marshall's prepaid metering program

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Tony Babauta, the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, signed a \$200,000 grant to the Republic of the Marshall Islands' Marshalls Energy Company Inc. to continue installation efforts for prepaid electricity meters for homes in Majuro. This award will be the second consecutive year this program is funded by the Office of Insular Affairs.

The prepaid electricity meters are similar to prepaid mobile

cards, where consumers can buy certain units of power by making an advance payment. Previous funding allowed for the installation of 500 prepayment meters along with the associated hardware and software for the system. Due to increased and rising fuel costs, prepaid meters allow for a cost-effective and easy-to-use alternative.

"I commend the MEC for their efforts to revamp and improve the quality of power on Majuro. This program has provided

en to be incredibly effective by allowing consumers control over their own electricity consumption. Similar efforts have demonstrated that prepaid meters improve the suppliers' cash flow and the quality of service delivered. This is a win-win for everyone," said Babauta.

Funding is expected to allow the MEC to purchase and install more meters and further expand the system throughout Majuro.

"All of our islands face the challenges of soaring fuel costs and a near-complete reliance on imported oil. Successful programs such as this one, which builds on consumer awareness and produces efficiency for the utility, demonstrate that alternatives do exist and more importantly that they can be emulated in other islands," added Babauta. **(DOI)**

## GCC awarded 'green' furniture grant for new Student Center

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Guam Community College students will be helping to sustain the environment when they use their new Student Center this December. Tony Babauta, the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, recently signed a \$331,870.40 grant to the GCC to buy "green" furniture and collateral equipment for the center, scheduled to open by the end of this year.

With enrollment rates up, the construction of the new center will assist the institution in better serving its student population. GCC president Mary Okada thanked Babauta for his continued support for the college and congratulated Lolita Reyes, assistant director of the GCC Development and Alumni Relations Office, her staff, Dr. Michelle Santos, dean of Technology and Student Services, and Barbara Leon Guerrero, program specialist for the Center for Student Involvement, for their successful grant application efforts.

The new center will provide classrooms and testing rooms for Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, English as a Second Language, and Criminal Justice. The building will also include the college bookstore and a café for students.

"The acquisition of this grant

highlights GCC's teamwork approach to finding creative ways to fund equipment and furniture for our new Student Center. Not only are we environmentally sustainable here at GCC, but we are also doing our share to ease the financial burden on the local government in keeping with Gov. Calvo's directive to save money," said Okada.

The "green" furniture grant award for the Student Center follows the purchase of sustainable furniture for GCC's newly-built, LEED-certified Learning Resource Center, and the installation of photovoltaic panels on the roofs of the LRC and the Allied Health Center.

"We want to set an example for our students and for the rest of the island on the importance of sustainability to our island's environmental and economic future," added Okada.

The construction of the \$4.3 million Student Center is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"The department is pleased to continue supporting the efforts and vision of Dr. Okada at the GCC. Eco-furniture and the development of new facilities that emphasize the need for sustainability, 'green' and environmentally friendly practices speak to the forward-thinking of this institution's leadership," said Babauta. **(DOI)**

**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS**

Happy birthday Vince K. Basa! Wishing you many more birthdays to come and we love you! Greetings coming from your family and friends.

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Sheila "Bubble Head" Borja! Have a great day and enjoy! Greetings come from your "Air Head" friends, Marisa and Daisy.

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Happy birthday Ate Beth! May you have a blessed birthday and many more to come! Greetings come from your Hardt Eye family!

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# Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 18, 2000

## CPA's aviation division posts growth

As the tourism economy shows slight improvement with the growth of passenger traffic in international and domestic flights, the Aviation Division of the Commonwealth Ports Authority posted a 28 percent growth in operating revenue for the month of June 2000 compared to the same period the previous year. The increase in revenue was also due to the airline incentive program, revenue base enhancement and rate hike, according to a financial report made by Dave Demapan, CPA comptroller. Aviation revenue jumped 40 percent jumped over the level of Fiscal Year 1999 while non-aviation revenue recorded a 12 percent hike.

## 5 Marpi ranches will be shut down

Only five cattle ranches will be shut down as a result of the decision by the CNMI government to begin implementation of Saipan's mitigation site in the Marpi forest area. But the government is not likely to force them to leave the area soon since local agencies responsible for the mitigation bank program are still weighing their next steps following appeal by House members to defer the eviction order issued two weeks ago. Lands and Natural Resources Sec. Joaquin Tenorio said yesterday the department is hoping to pinpoint a relocation site accommodating the needs of the ranches that will be displaced from Marpi.

Aug. 18, 2002

## MPLT trustees ask High Court for guidelines

Trustees of the Marianas Public Lands Trust have petitioned the Superior Court for instructions that would serve as guidelines in the exercise of their fiduciary duties involving the management of funds. The petition includes matters that are the subject of a dispute in a separate legal action filed by the MPLT against the Marianas Public Lands Authority. MPLT had accused the MPLA of violating the CNMI Constitution by issuing write-offs that effectively condoned over \$6.25 million of debts owed by various companies and individuals arising from leaseholds and permitted use of public lands.

## 'Manglona cut corners in special polls'

Despite special elections already set for Tinian, Sen. David M. Cing is still insisting that the process by which the special polls was called was done improperly. Gov. Juan N. Babauta had called for the special elections on Tinian last August 4 after receiving a letter from Senate President Paul A. Manglona declaring the seat of Sen. Jose Dela Cruz vacant. Cing took exception to this, saying that Manglona cannot by himself declare a vacancy at the Senate without the concurrence of the full Senate majority. "The president of the Senate cannot do it alone. The president of the Senate cannot by himself write a letter to Gov. Babauta regarding the vacancy of Sen. Dela Cruz. He cannot do that. The full Senate has to send the letter to the governor requesting to declare the vacancy," said Cing.

Aug. 18, 2004

## \$38K grant to fund training for AGO probers

The Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs has awarded the CNMI Attorney General's Office a \$38,100 grant for investigator training, according to attorney general Pamela Brown. In a statement yesterday, Brown said the technical assistance grant will pay for a two-week professional training course at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glyncro, Georgia, to be attended by six investigators in the Attorney General's Investigative Unit. The training program will assist the AGO in securing additional and relevant training that will enhance the investigators' ability to produce quality and timely investigative reports.

## Sugar Dock claims its 5th victim this year

A man died while snorkeling with his son beyond the reefline across the Sugar Dock—the fifth casualty this year on the waters off the popular beach site. The boy, who is around 10 years old, managed to save himself by clinging to his father's floating body. The incident prompted Department of Public Safety Commissioner Edward Camacho to respond to the scene, along with policemen and crime scene investigators. Police refused to reveal the identity of the victim but Camacho described the fatality as a Caucasian male. Based on initial investigation, the man and his son were snorkeling beyond the reefline when the incident occurred.

# 101 things I love about Hawaii (Part IV)



Tents of different sizes and colors at the Kualoa Beach Park, a favorite camping site for visitors around windward Oahu.

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## Conclusion

**76. Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout.** One stop you should not miss while driving through the scenic Pali Highway is the historic Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout. The emerald-forested cliffs bore witness to ancient battles in which Kamehameha the Great's invading troops forced hundreds of King Kalanikupuke's warriors off the cliff in 1795. Some hundred years after, over 500 skulls were discovered at the base. An artist's rendition of this ancient battle, erected on the windswept vantage point, reminded me of scenes in the movie *300*, which were it not for the strong and howling winds at this 1,200-foot vantage point, about 300 Spartans who held off masses of invading Persians in 480 B.C.

Today, the blustery Pali Lookout treats visitors to a panoramic view of the Kaneohe Bay, Windward Oahu communities, and the Pacific waters. It's one of the loveliest, moving lookouts I visited in Oahu. I could have stayed longer had it not been for the strong and howling winds at this 1,200-foot vantage point. For a few moments, I thought I'd be literally blown away by the wind. It was an exhilarating experience.

**77. Scenic Pali Highway.** Oahu has lots of scenic drives, and one of those is Pali Highway, which runs between Honolulu and Kailua and cuts through the magnificent Koolau Range. This scenic route is crowned by the Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout and features the Pali Tunnels on Route 61. There's also a "tunnel of trees" on Nu'uuanu Pali Drive off the highway.

## 78. Another scenic drive.

The stretch of road from Hanalei Bay to Sandy Beach also offers visitors a scenic drive. Whether it's through bus, truck, or motorbike, driving down this scenic route gives you that it's-the-journey-not-the-destination moment, away from the urban jungle.

**79. Kaneohe Bay.** Hawaii's largest bay and reef-sheltered

lagoon, Kaneohe Bay is ideal for sailing because of the near constant trade winds.

**80. Chinaman's Hat.** The conical shape of Mokolii Island earned it the nickname "Chinaman's Hat." The island provides a unique backdrop for photo opportunities. Try having your photo taken, looking like you're wearing a Chinaman's hat.

## 81. Kualoa Beach Park.

Next to Chinaman's Hat is Kualoa Beach Park, offering reef-protected swimming but is not really good for snorkeling because of the cloudy water. The beach park has all the basic amenities, and serves as a large campsite for many visitors around windward Oahu. People also play Frisbee, soccer, football, or fly kites here.

## 82. Kualoa Ranch.

We passed by, but didn't really get to visit, the 4,000-acre Kualoa Ranch. But it's said that this ranch should be on the list of places to visit while on Oahu because of its dense rainforests, open valleys, and a wide

variety of activities, including horseback riding and all-terrain vehicle rides. Kualoa is also one of Hawaii's most popular sites for Hollywood movie and television productions such as *Jurassic Park*, *Windtalkers* (a movie inspired by real World War II events that took place on Saipan), *Battleship*, *50 First Dates*, *Lost*, and *Hawaii Five-0*.

## 83. Ancient Fishponds.

Kualoa Ranch also offers ancient fishpond and garden tours that include a tranquil ride across the 125-acre Moli'i Pond. This is one of Hawaii's largest and most well preserved ancient fishponds.

## 84. Turtle Bay Resort.

This 880-acre oceanfront luxury resort that takes in the beauty of Turtle Bay, Kawela Bay, and Bay View Beach Lawn is worth the ride from Waikiki. We stopped by the resort's poolside bar for cocktails while watching tourists enjoying the surf. It was a relaxing stop. The oceanfront setting provides guests the natural tranquility of the North Shore lifestyle. On the way to Turtle Bay Resort, we passed beautiful beaches and beach parks including Kahana Bay Beach Park and Hau'ula Beach.

## 85. It's A Small World (Part II).

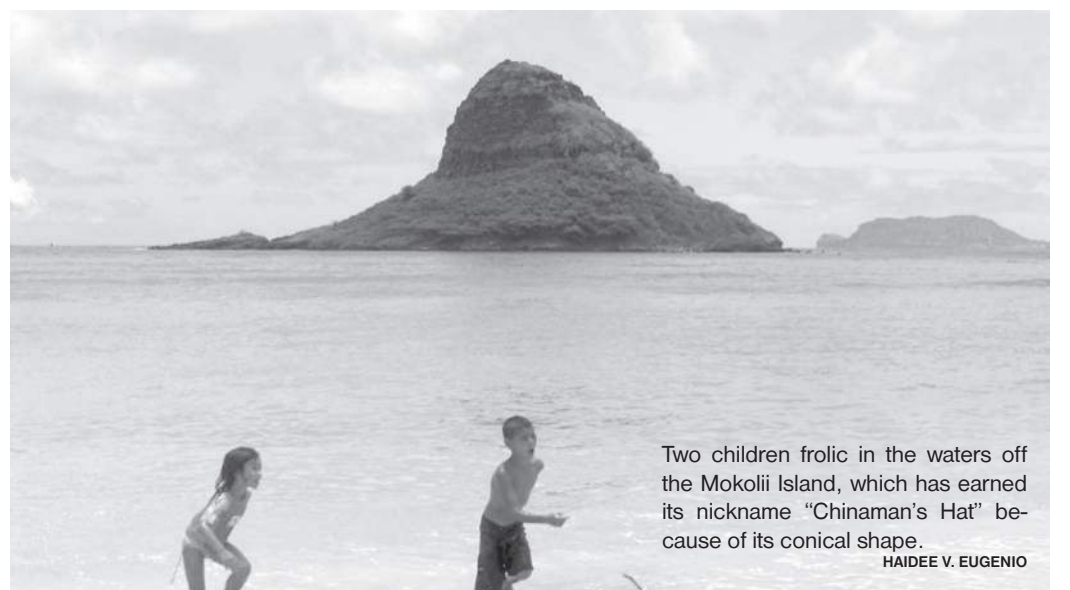
It was also at Turtle Bay Resort's poolside bar where I met two familiar faces—Jamie and Jana—who I first met on Saipan a few years back. They

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Despite the gentle protest from the photographer, I had to have my photo taken on the body of a pineapple drawing at the Dole Plantation in Wahiawa.

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Two children frolic in the waters off the Mokolii Island, which has earned its nickname "Chinaman's Hat" because of its conical shape.

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One of the shows at Paradise Cove, a popular place to be when you want to experience Hawaii's signature "luau" or the local word for "feast," with lots of singing, dancing and other cultural activities.

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were also relaxing at the resort after horseback riding that fine Sunday, away from the hustle and bustle of Honolulu.

**86. North Shore.** I've never seen so many beautiful beaches—and the sports activities that go with them—in a single day than on Oahu's North Shore, which has become synonymous with surfing and prime winter waves. They say that if there's such a thing as a perfect wave, you'll likely find it in North Shore, which stretches for more than 7 miles. No wonder, every surfer around the world has that dream of riding North Shore's epic waves.

Its Sunset Beach, Banzai Pipeline, or Ehukai Beach and Waimea Bay are among the world's top surf spots. Each December, North Shore hosts three major surf competitions collectively known as the Triple Crown. But in the summer, waves are far smaller and gentler, making North Shore the perfect surf spot for beginners and veterans alike. Shark's Cove, teeming with people snorkeling and swimming, among other things, was among the spots I really remember that Sunday.

**87. Hale'iwa Town.** You can't miss the sign, "Hale'iwa," when you reach North Shore's gateway and largest settlement. Hale'iwa is a picturesque boat harbor bounded by beach parks. Hale'iwa's Alii Beach Bark was also used extensively for filming the television series, *Baywatch*. Most of all, Hale'iwa is known for being another North Shore world-class surfing spot. I also remember a white bridge, climbed by young and adults for an exhilarating

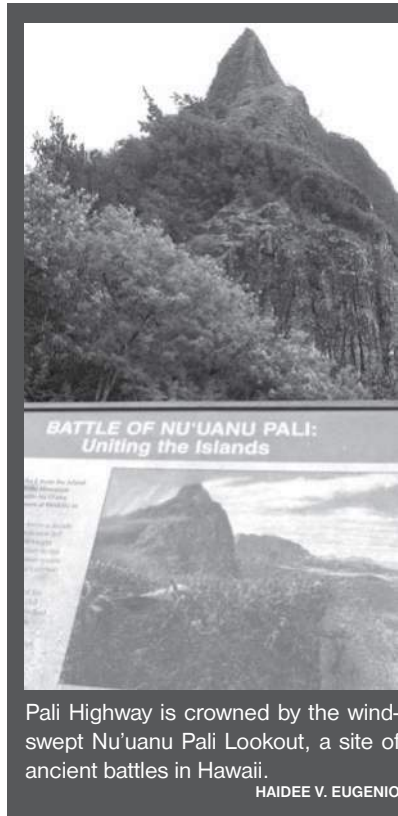
plunge into the water.

**88. Standup paddles.** I didn't know what standup paddling was until I visited Oahu, especially its North Shore.

**89. Shrimp Trucks.** The smell of cooked shrimp permeates the air, courtesy of several shrimp trucks parked in several areas on North Shore. Shrimp plates are ordered at the windows of these shrimp trucks, and each plate is usually served with shrimp and two scoops of rice, and sometimes with macaroni salad, green salad and pineapple slices. They are a hit among tourists. But my friend suggested we skip the shrimp trucks and have a more sumptuous meal, which brought us to ...

**90. Jameson's.** I was glad we chose this roadside restaurant across the street from the ocean in Haleiwa. I had fresh mahi-mahi and rice, among other things. The food tasted good, and I recommend this spot when you get to Haleiwa.

**91. Dole Plantation.** Beach parks gave way to acres of pineapple plantations. It's like moving to yet another dimension away from the city. We stopped by the Dole Plantation in Wahiawa, a popular draw this part of the island. We were just in time for the last pineapple demonstration of the day at 5pm. Despite the time constraint, I had to get my pineapple sundae, which was such a delight after hours of Pali Highway and North Shore sightseeing. Dole Plantation is a fun, educational adventure centered on that "sweet, spiky tropical fruit that has become Hawaii's signature taste around the



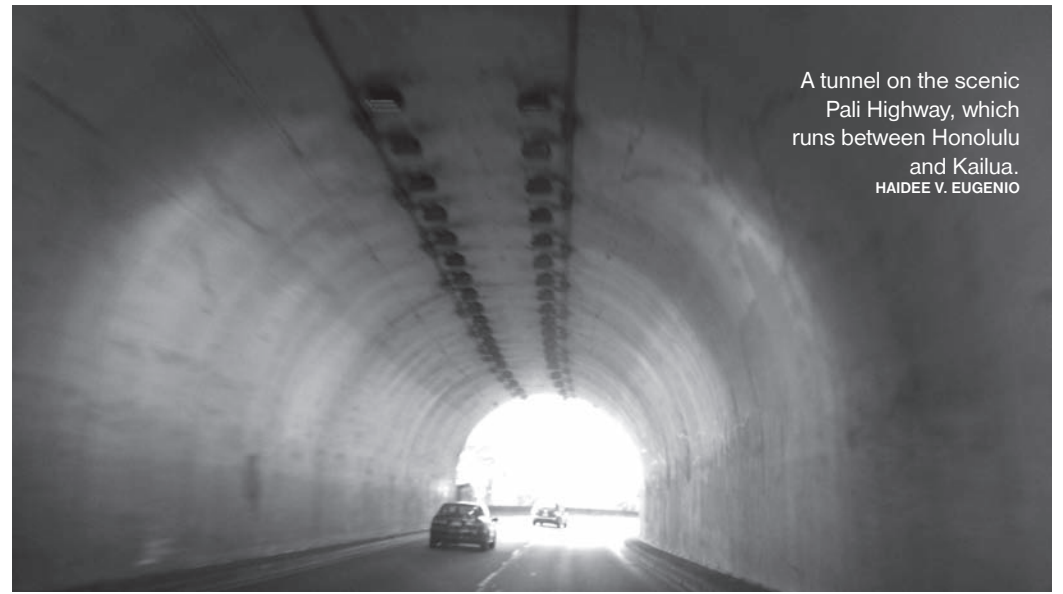
Pali Highway is crowned by the wind-swept Nu'uuanu Pali Lookout, a site of ancient battles in Hawaii.

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world." Passengers of the day's last Pineapple Express train ride just got back when we got there. Despite my friend's gentle protest, I had to have my photo taken—my head on the body of a pineapple drawing. The over 3-acre Pineapple Maze, recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest maze in 2008, also just closed its doors for the day. We ended up at the Pineapple Variety Garden, and got educated about pineapple—its varieties, growing and harvesting it, and the red soil in plantations, among other things.

**92. Paradise Cove Luau.** Every visitor to Hawaii should experience the islands' signature "luau," loosely translated as "feast" with lots of singing, dancing, and other cultural activities. It's one way to experience the rich Hawaiian and Polynesian heritage. One of the most popular places that offer luau shows is the 12-acre Paradise Cove at the Ko Olina Resort on the leeward coast of Oahu, even on a Monday, and just a few hours after we visited Lanikai Beach.

Visitors to Paradise Cove are welcomed with tropical Mai Tai and shell or flower leis. They also take your souvenir photos with male and female hula dancers, and you have to have to claim your photo for a fee before leaving the place after all



A tunnel on the scenic Pali Highway, which runs between Honolulu and Kailua.

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the festivities.

**93. Hawaiian Village.** Once they point you to your designated seats fronting the main stage at Paradise Cove, you can start strolling through the Hawaiian Village and learn the islands' arts and crafts and skills games. We were the first to try our hands on weaving, the product of which was the head lei I wore the rest of the evening. There were hula dance demonstrations, games, coconut tree climbing, traditional net fishing demonstration, hula dancing by the beach, temporary tattooing, and a royal court procession. Visitors also got to see the unearthing of the evening's main course of kailua pig, slow-roasted all day in an "imu" or underground oven and unearthed just before the meal. While waiting for the meal to start, I snapped photos of yet another beautiful sunset framed by tall coconut trees.

**94. Meal and entertainment combo.** The Paradise Cove meal consisted of kalua pig, lomi salmon, rice, fried chicken, among other things. Then came the fiery Polynesian dances and music—ancient and modern Hawaiian hula, the pulsing Tahitian o'tea, New Zealand Maori poi-ball dances, a hot and sharp Samoan fire dance, and Fijian meke (which reminded us of our trip to Fiji during last year's Thanksgiving week). Children and adults were then invited on stage to try their own hula hips. The song *Hawaii Aloha* wrapped up the evening of fun.

**95. Meeting strangers.** At Paradise Cove, we got to

meet people from all walks of life, from different parts of the world. It's always heartwarming to get to know what brought people to Oahu, what they enjoyed the most, what else they plan to do while on vacation, what they do when they're not playing tourists, or whether they will be back. There's one couple from Washington, D.C., another couple was giving their parents who were celebrating their 20th or 25th wedding anniversary a tour of Oahu, a man serving in the military showing his visiting girlfriend what Oahu has to offer, a couple from another table was celebrating their 50th or 60th wedding anniversary and they drew an applause from the crowd, and in yet another table was a big group who were on Oahu for their friends' wedding.

Some visitors we met talked about returning to Hawaii and maybe retiring there. Some had to ask where Saipan is and I was glad my friend was there to help me with geography and history. But there were also those who know about Saipan or the Northern Marianas, including a guy working with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and a Navy guy who was already stationed in Guam. We invited them to visit Saipan, too.

**96. Chinatown.** One of the lovely things about being on vacation is you can sleep long hours, and get up long after the sun has risen. But as they say, you miss a lot waking up late, just like the early-morning rush at the Chinatown neighborhood. When we passed by the place one late morning, most merchants had already packed their wares. I ended up having just a

drive-through.

**97. Bar Hopping.** You can never run out of places to hang out for drinks at night or day in Honolulu, especially in Waikiki, including the ones I already mentioned earlier like Gordon Biersch Brewery at Aloha Tower, Duke's Canoe Club at Outrigger Waikiki, Tiki's Grill and Bar at Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel, and Sarento's at Ilikai Hotel & Suites. One other bar I like was Amuse Wine Bar for its chic look and unique feature of over 80 wines you can sample for 80 cents to over \$20 an ounce. It's located beside a furniture shop.

**98. Zippy's Restaurants.** If you want to dine local-style, head out to Zippy's. That's where we had our oxtail soup on a rainy Tuesday night. It was also a perfect moment for that savory and bottomless coffee.

**99. Made in Hawaii.** Whether it's at the International Marketplace or Wal-Mart, visitors can always bring home with them real Made-in-Hawaii goodies such as chocolate-covered macadamia nuts, Kona Mountain coffee, or kukui nut leis. I recommend buying gifts early, and not to wait until you reach the airport, where items could be hundred times costlier than what you would have paid for at Wal-Mart.

**100. The island and the people.** People in Hawaii always have a hearty smile they pair with "Aloha!," whether locals or visitors who could easily get that tropical paradise vibe. Now I fully understand what Hawaii's allure is and why people keep coming back.

**101. Romantic Sojourns.** Need I say more?



A structure at Turtle Bay Resort, an 880-acre oceanfront luxury resort that takes in the beauty of Turtle Bay, Kawela Bay and Bay View Beach Lawn.

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A big crowd of visitors are treated to Polynesian song and dances at Paradise Cove.

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## Boomer time bomb

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With legions of baby boomers starting to retire, a growing number of Americans will soon need some kind of long-term health care, whether from a nursing home or from an in-home health aide. A new survey by the SCAN Foundation and the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, however, finds that Californians are woefully underprepared for the cost of such services. The survey is a wake-up call to the public, as well as a warning sign to lawmakers who want to pull the plug pre-emptively on a new federal insurance program for long-term care.

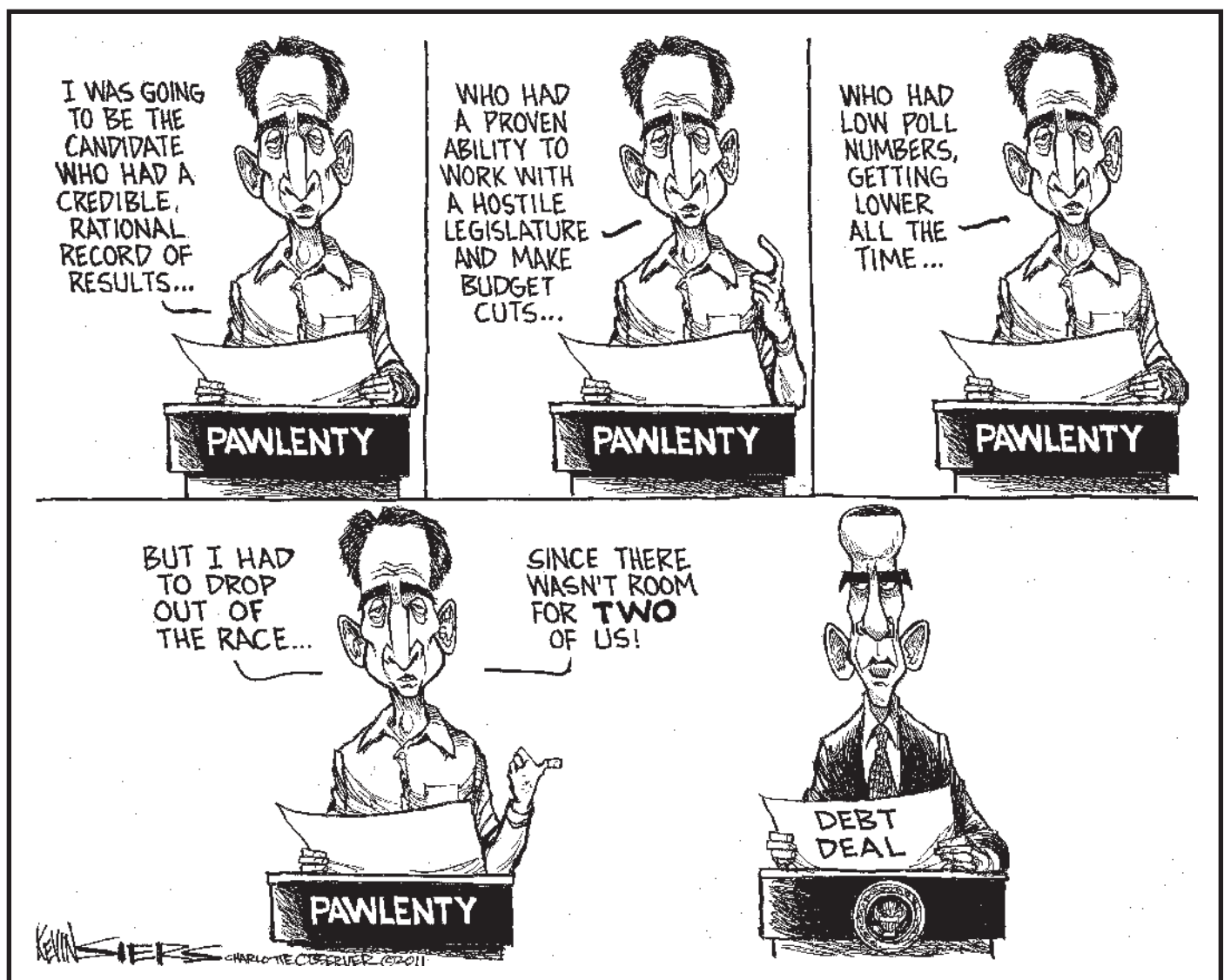
The survey, which measured the views of nearly 1,500 registered voters in California over age 40, found that more than 60 percent worried about their ability to pay for health care in general and long-term care in particular. But 66 percent of those surveyed said that with nursing home fees averaging \$6,500 a month, they couldn't afford more than three months of care. More than 40 percent said they couldn't afford a single month.

That's a financial time bomb, considering that conventional health insurance doesn't cover long-term care, and Medicare covers only 100 days of skilled nursing care for people recuperating after hospital stays. And roughly 70 percent of those over age 70 will need some kind of long-term care at some point, with an average duration of three years. The percentage is likely to increase as life spans lengthen; to cite just one factor, the population of Alzheimer's sufferers is expected to double over the next 20 years.

The SCAN/UCLA results, which are expected to be released Tuesday, confirm the troubling findings of other surveys around the country. Americans remain in denial about the challenges they'll face in retirement; in addition to saving too little, the vast majority eschews long-term care insurance (often in the mistaken belief that Medicare covers it).

To encourage Americans to prepare better—and to lower the costs borne by Medicaid, which covers the long-term care costs of the poorest citizens—Congress created the Community Living Assistance, Services and Supports plan as part of the healthcare reform law. Due to launch next year, CLASS is designed to provide low-cost insurance policies that pay up to \$75 a day to offset the cost of long-term care.

Crucial details of the policies have yet to be worked out, however. And although the law bars tax dollars from being spent on the policies' benefits, some critics fear the plan will evolve into a costly new entitlement. Nevertheless, it's too early to give up on CLASS, as some lawmakers have proposed. The more Americans who carry long-term care insurance, the better. And if it's implemented the right way, CLASS can help.



## Blue in Uptown Chicago

I wore a blue beanie in Uptown Chicago last Monday, looking like a reincarnation of Che Vergara, *ehe*, Guevara, of the *montañosa de Cuba* fame. Not that I was trying to call attention to myself, nor even to look like the *revolucionario*, but it was nice not to have anyone notice our longish curly grey hair waving out of the hat gifted us by our Hawaii nephew. We were not in an area where the trimmed hair was predominant. The longish hair, in fact, held its fair share of the crowd. And “blue” is the color of my true love’s hair, or, at least, dress and shirt!

Vietnamese *pho* shops on Argyle and Broadway streets (where the landmark Uptown theatre sits) and the Green Mill watering hole, erstwhile hangout of the late Al Capone, down to Lawrence (where the other landmark theatre Aragon is located) and east toward Michigan Lake where Lawrence St. crosses Sheridan, are now in the vicinity of the New Chinatown of Chicago.

Waiters in two shops where I ate revealed what I surmised to be extremely wary and suspicious immigrants. I asked a Chinese girl, after ascertaining she was from Zhongguo, which province she was from, and she just smiled and responded: “China.” At the Gyros shop run by Latinos, I ordered breakfast in my limited Spanish, and mumbled to the shop attendant about traveling to Latin America in the late ’70s, and how delighted I was to use Spanish again, and she just grinned. When I asked where she was from, she grinned some more. It was then I realized that, with the tight immigration watch across the country, undocumented presence was not about to reveal information to unknown strangers.

I felt sad for this new attitude. The Kemper building was our official home from 1975-85, and though Kemper was not unknown, the innocence of a diverse population was still delightfully evident. The eight-storey building was donated by Kemper Insurance to house the Ecumenical Institute of Chicago, baptized in the racial fires of the first human development project in Fifth City on the Westside. Kemper became the headquarters of the Institute of Cultural Affairs, with some “blue shirts” running around in communities in “every time zone” around the world, including the Majuro Human Development Project in the Marshall Islands of Micronesia.

The “blue shirts” showed up on occasion on Saipan to seek TT support for the Marshall Islands’ experiment in social transformation; they were members of the religious order experiment, the Order: Ecumenical, or O:E. Its members were Roman Catholics, Reformers of various hues, Orthodox, and other Christian groups; it also included secular activists and serious atheists. They wore “blue,” ever forgiving of the past, confidently affirming of the future, and demonstrating with their lives a quality of transparent humanness that matched their walk with their talk.

There were close to 3,000 from around the world at the peak of its

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corporate engagement, an organized servant force to catalyze a new reformation of the historical Church, and the radical reformulation of the new social earthrise. A tall order but vision was vivid, mission intense, strategies engaging, and maneuvers lively. We crafted tactics carefully, and we died our deaths in the implementation of them, giving everything we got in the process, plus.

But like any movemental force, legal forms weighed heavily on strategic operations, especially the requirements of nation-states, and when the center no longer held, minds cognizant of operational effectiveness cast an eye on efficient order and social accountability. Stratification calcified, snuffing the spirit of creativity; in 1988, EI/O:E had enough sense to call the movement out of being, scattered itself like a thousand lights, and 4750 Sheridan became ICA USA.

In this visit, 15 years after the parting, we were impressed by the environs of Uptown, and Lakeshore Drive that houses the *creme de la creme* of the U.S. Midwest; three blocks inland where 4750 is located is the flipside of the coin. The homeless and other folks in need are served by Chicago's Human Services offices located on 4750. The first five floors of the building offer shelter for battered women, a social net for the differently-abled, those of physical wants, and those whose psyche and spirit are calling out for care and the human touch.

The ICA offices occupy the sixth-to-the-eighth floor, serving as a venue for all kinds of transformative pedagogies, and promoting a peer-to-peer enablement of other ICA offices elsewhere.

Siam Cafe next door with portraits of King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit on the wall is now more affluent than before but has not changed much. The marginalized are still in the neighborhood, and though the sidewalk tables and chairs of Cafe Innovation typify the gentility that has set in, change has not altered obvious need and the courage to care. The ICA gave Kemper a facelift while it seethes with the drumbeat of its latent spirit and movemental echoes from around the world on its archives, halls, and walls.

The blue shirts are gone, but blue still holds the cutting edge of the ICA, and not surprisingly, remains handmaiden to the passion of my soul.



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## Stakeholder management

**C**an you identify the key individuals whose support is essential for your organization to exist?

These individuals or groups are known as stakeholders because they hold a valuable stake in your business. The origin of a business stakeholder can be traced back to 1963, when the term appeared in an international memorandum at the Stanford Research Institute and was defined as “those groups without whose support the organization would cease to exist.”

Supporting your stakeholders and receiving their ongoing support creates a symbiotic relationship that ideally benefits all parties. Therefore, it makes sense to identify them, understand their needs, and then determine how you can best manage the various relationships for maximum reciprocal benefit.

Broadly speaking, your stakeholders include all the people affected by your organization's actions, and in turn have some impact on your company. You have both internal and external stakeholders. The internal stakeholders are all of the people on your payroll who depend on your company for their livelihood, which includes executive managers, supervisors, and employees. Those groups and individuals that are external to your organization include your suppliers, stockholders, community, bankers/lenders, government leaders, customers, and competitors.

Yes, your competitors are impacted by your business, just as they can affect your margins and sustainability. It is possible to manage the relationship you have with your competitors so you work collaboratively instead of the competitive, cost-cutting relationship that most develop.

Let's look at the specific individuals or groups that can have the

biggest impact on your organization. The most obvious are your customers. Without their support through purchases, your company could not exist. Even though it's obvious that they are important stakeholders, it's surprising how many businesses do not have a plan to effectively manage their customers for maximum value. They can't tell you basic metrics such as how many prospects, on average, visit their store, what percentage of those convert into paying customers, the average purchase value, or how many return and how often. They often lack policies, procedures, and practices that create greater customer satisfaction and loyalty. Going deeper, most business owners haven't taken the time to delve into the psyche of their customers to better understand what makes them tick, why they buy, or what specific benefits will keep them coming back.

The same could be said about your other important stakeholder—your employees. These individuals have chosen your company as the place to spend much of their waking hours to earn a living. They expect a safe working environment, reasonable compensation, and they want to be treated with respect. They can be managed to earn greater profits for the company, but have you considered managing them so they have greater life fulfillment working with your firm? This again requires you to delve into the psychological factors that motivate them to perform at their best and want to remain with your company. Their overall satisfaction as an employee has a direct impact on the satisfaction of your customers, and lowered costs due to turnover and waste.

Focusing on and taking care of your customers and employees will help overcome the majority of challenges your business faces now and in the future. Other important stakeholders in-

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clude your suppliers, those people who provide the goods and services that allow you to operate your business efficiently and effectively. Often, price is the major consideration in choosing a vendor, but other factors should be considered to develop and manage long-term relationships with vendors who work well with your company. If you walk into any McDonald's restaurant in the world you will never see Pepsi products sold. The reason why is because when Ray Kroc was cash poor trying to expand the franchise, Coke offered him generous credit terms that allowed the company to remain solvent. Because of this, the company made a lifetime commitment to the vendor. Many other major corporations have strong ties with their suppliers that help them maintain a competitive advantage.

It's possible to create a win-win situation with all of your stakeholders so that your organization continues to prosper. Your challenge as a business owner is to learn how to identify your most important stakeholders and to balance, as much as possible, their needs for mutual benefit. For example, the need for your business to earn a profit needs to be balanced against the needs of your employees to earn a sufficient income, and the needs of your customers to gain as much value as possible from your company. Managing and balancing all the stakeholder relationships within and without your organization will go a long ways to enable your organization to remain profitable and to create greater fulfillment in the lives of all those you touch.

## Profile of Mario's life with mental illness

*The author received express written consent from the subject of this piece, Mario, to release information regarding his mental health issues, treatment and other challenges in order to bring awareness to the public and the media about the issues relating to mental health. The following was written in conjunction with NMPASI's Annual Statement of Goals and Priorities at a cost to its federal grant programs of approximately \$150.*

**T**o say that Mario has been in a revolving door of mental health services and other disability-related issues is an understatement. With multiple commitments (voluntary or otherwise) and a host of numerous other co-existing, recurrent problems over the years such as homelessness, hunger, exploitation, and substance abuse, Mario is in a constant struggle to balance his life on the whims of his own belief system, the influences of the people around him, and the demonic voices inside his head. “They tell me to hurt myself,” he says. “But now I just go the hospital and the medicine makes it stop...sometimes they give me shot.” And so the cycle goes on and on: one day roaming the streets happy-go-lucky and free, the other seeking refuge in the confines of a psychiatric ward and its doses of prescription silencers. To this day, I can't escape the image of him (from years ago) through the glass window of the ward's confinement room after he had just painted the walls red with his own blood from banging his head over and over until someone took notice. “I want it to get out,” he reminisces.

Unfortunately, it's the above issues and images with which people tend to stigmatize, associate with, and discriminate against individuals with mental illness in general. The fact is, given the right environment, appropriate service plans and regular peer-support, most people with mental illness can and do lead successful, productive lives as independent members of our community—Mario is no exception. An estimated 50 million Americans experience a mental disorder each year. Mental illness is real and can be successfully treated.

The first time (at least that I can recall from nearly 12 years ago) that NMPASI represented Mario, our legal counsel at the time (coincidentally a sitting judge now for the Superior Court) faced off against the Department of Health's assistant attorney general in a case to release him from the psychiatric ward where he was being held against his will on an involuntary commitment basis. What most people may not know is that people can be involuntarily committed to the psychiatric ward basically if “the person is mentally ill and presents a danger to self or others” (3 CMC § 2504). “The burden of proof shall be upon the agency (i.e., government) or the individual seeking involuntary commitment” (3 CMC § 2502), but the involuntary commitment cannot exceed 72 hours without an or-

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der from the court. Thus we were in court on Mario's behalf. I forget the specific outcome of Mario's particular case at that time, but the point is that people with mental illness cannot be held indefinitely for evaluation, treatment, or otherwise without procedural due process. In such cases, NMPASI generally represents the will of our clients and enforces their right to due process.

In another case, Mario sought employment with a private company, only to be told (because the employer knew him to be a person with mental illness) that he would not hire him because he was afraid that he might pour gasoline on the customers and light them on fire—true story. To our knowledge, Mario does not have a history of violence except against himself as previously described and so the above really speaks volumes about some of the unwarranted stigmas associated with mental illness. Again, NMPASI represented him in the case alleging discrimination under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The case settled with Mario being offered and taking the job; unfortunately, due to several factors, Mario did not hold the job for long and the cycle continues.

Mario has come and gone through NMPASI's client services system with numerous other issues and continues to maintain a presence in and around the office. At present, he serves as a member of the State Mental Health Planning Council and is due to re-join the Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Advisory Council in the coming days.

I can't say that Mario leads an ideal life by any means; in fact, I know he struggles from month to month and I think he could make better choices sometimes. But, that's not for me to judge and he has the inalienable right to live his life the way he sees fit (despite any disability...mental or otherwise). For the most part, we take comfort in knowing only that we have played a part in safeguarding his rights in pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

*For more on issues relating to the needs and/or rights of individuals with mental illness, please feel free to contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or via the internet at [www.nmpasi.org](http://www.nmpasi.org).*



Mario

## Letter to the Editor

### Your dog might be next

Training for the dog control program should start with program director Ray Lizama and extend to everyone involved, including Dr. Tudor. I personally feel that the mayor had his work cut out for him, although it does not excuse him from what happened. He is the only mayor that I know who is trying to put this dog issue or problem in place. Mayor Donald Flores did apologize to Mrs. Parker and me and we feel that he was sincere and do regret this whole incident happened.

For you, Ray Lizama, you are a character and do not belong in that job. There were a lot of comments made in the media and it shows that people are very sensitive about their pets and you should be as well, unless you do not have a pet. In this case, you did not allow a 10-day due process period for us to argue our point and save our dogs. Imagine, just two hours to discard one's pet. The business was closed and there were several signs posted across the property in two languages warning of dogs on duty. It was very unfortunate that Mr. Sook Kim got bitten and I would like to take this time to apologize. Mrs. Walker and I are very sorry. Our dogs Tato and Little Black—most especially Little Black who was not involved at all—were in chains when the incident happened and in chains when they were taken away.

Mr. Lizama, you came on a mission to put down the dogs, no matter what. You put the mayor and all the hardworking staff in a very bad position. Not once did you try and express concern or apology to Mrs. Walker. You tried instead to defend yourself in front of a delegation meeting that you were right to put down the dogs. I watched in disbelief and everyone in the meeting was shaking his or her head in disbelief as well. Boy, you are the man! Next time, I will put a sign that says “Beware of Ray Lizama.” To the community, be very careful as your dog might be next.






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Garapan, Saipan



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# The Weather

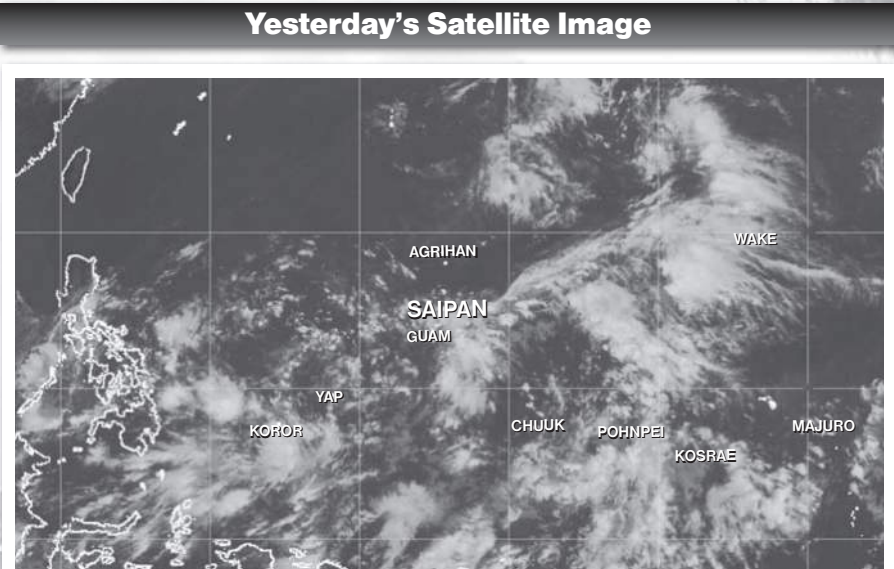
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 85° ▼ 79°	▲ 84° ▼ 78°	▲ 84° ▼ 79°	▲ 85° ▼ 78°

Micronesia		
Guam and Rota	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 78
Palau	Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Yap	Showers	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Rain	▲ 83 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Majuro	Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 75

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Sunny	▲ 54 ▼ 42
Beijing	Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 67
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 76
London	Rain	▲ 66 ▼ 53
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 58 ▼ 44
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 79
New York	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 69
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 79
Paris	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 62
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 76
Rome	Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 71
Salem	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68 ▼ 56
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 74
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲ 94 ▼ 80
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲ 90 ▼ 73

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
5:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
11:11 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
5:28 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
11:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough just east of the Marianas stretches from 10N145E to 15N147E and is helping to generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from 9N to 16N between 145E and 149E. Another weak trade-wind trough to the southwest of Guam is seen merging into a weakly-defined monsoon trough that extends from 12N142E to west of 12N130E. Isolated showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring along the eastern end of the trough, within 120 miles of the trade-wind trough axis near 11N141E. South of the monsoon trough in the weak westerly flow, scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are being generated west of a broad v-shaped area from 11N130E to 6N141E and back to 1N130E. This area includes the Republic of Palau and portions of southwestern Yap state. To the east, convergence within two weak trade-wind troughs southeast of Chuuk and north of Pohnpei are helping to generate scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms through much of the eastern half of the Federated States of Micronesia from the equator to 9N between 150E and 167E. This includes the island groups around Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:03 AM	6:39 PM	Today	9:17 PM	9:18 AM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM	Friday	9:55 PM	10:05 AM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:38 PM	Saturday	10:36 PM	11:54 AM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM	Sunday	11:20 PM	11:43 AM
Monday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM	Monday	-	12:35 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 11, 2011									
DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b>					<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b>				
C09314	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5		C09315	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5	
<b>SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)</b>					<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)</b>				
C09315	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5		C09314	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5	
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>					<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>				
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7		C09314	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP	
C09315	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP		C09316	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6		5K387	6:30am	7:20am	3, 4, 7	
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6	
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		5K389	8:00am	8:50am	5	
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	4		C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily		C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily		C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily	
5K382	11:30pm	12:20am+1	1, 5		C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)</b>					<b>NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN</b>				
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	3, 4, 7		5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	3, 4, 7	
<b>SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)</b>					<b>OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN</b>				
0Z119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily		0Z120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>					<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily		DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily	
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily		DL288	8:05pm	12:45am+1	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>					<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>				
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1		0Z603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7	
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		0Z120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX	
0Z119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX		0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7	
0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7		0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>					<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>				
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6		3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5	
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>					<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>				
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5		3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7	
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>					<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>				
0Z606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN		0Z704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT	
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM		0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT		0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM		C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM	
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM		C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau		C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM	
<b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)</b>					<b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b>				
0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN		0Z724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		0Z750/603	1:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN	
5K168	9:50am	1:00pm	1, 5		0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM		0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
0Z604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	7 via ICN		5K169	2:55pm	10:00pm	1, 5	
<b>SAIPAN-TINIAN</b>					<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>				
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily		FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily	
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily		FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily	
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily		FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily	
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily		FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily	
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily		FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily	
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily		FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-TINIAN</b>					<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>				
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily		FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily	
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily		FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily	
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily		FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily	
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily		FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily	
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily		FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily	
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily		FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily	
<b>SAIPAN-TINIAN</b>					<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>				
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily		FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily	
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily						
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily						
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily						
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily						
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily						

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana  
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 200	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily



# Business

## Tobacco firms sue FDA over new graphic warnings

**COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)**—Four of the five largest U.S. tobacco companies sued the federal government Tuesday over new graphic cigarette labels that include the sewn-up corpse of a smoker and a picture of diseased lungs, saying the warnings violate their free speech rights and will cost millions of dollars to print.

The companies, led by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Lorillard Tobacco Co., said the warnings no longer simply convey facts to allow people to make a decision whether to smoke. They instead force them to put government anti-smoking advocacy more prominently on their packs than their own brands, the companies say. They want a judge to stop the labels.

"Never before in the United States have producers of a lawful product been required to use their own packaging and advertising to convey an emotionally-charged government message urging adult consumers to shun their products," the companies



In this combo made from file images provided by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration shows two of nine new warning labels cigarette makers will have to use by the fall of 2012.

wrote in the lawsuit filed in federal court in Washington, D.C.

The FDA refused to com-

ment, saying the agency does not discuss pending litigation.

But when she announced the

new labels in June, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius called them

frank and honest warnings about the dangers of smoking.

The FDA approved nine new warnings to rotate on cigarette packs. They will be printed on the entire top half, front and back, of the packaging. The new warnings also must constitute 20 percent of any cigarette advertising. They also all include a number for stop-smoking hotline

One warning label is a picture of a corpse with its chest sewed up and the words: "Smoking can kill you." Another label has a picture of a healthy pair of lungs beside a yellow and black pair with a warning that smoking causes fatal lung disease.

The lawsuit said the images were manipulated to be especially emotional. The tobacco companies said the corpse photo is actually an actor with a fake scar, while the healthy lungs were sanitized to make the diseased organ look worse.

The companies also said the new labels will cost them millions of dollars for new equip-

ment so they can frequently change from warning to warning and designers to make sure the labels meet federal requirements while maintaining some distinction among brands.

Joining R.J. Reynolds and Lorillard in the suit are Commonwealth Brands Inc., Liggett Group LLC and Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company Inc. Altria Group Inc., parent company of the nation's largest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, is not a part of the lawsuit.

The free speech lawsuit is a different action than a suit by several of the same companies over the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act. The law, which took effect two years ago, cleared the way for the more graphic warning labels, but also allowed the FDA to limit nicotine. The law also banned tobacco companies from sponsoring athletic or social events and prevented them from giving away free samples or branded merchandise.

## Merkel, Sarkozy propose eurozone government

**PARIS (AP)**—The leaders of France and Germany called Tuesday for greater economic discipline and unity among European nations but declined to take immediate financial measures seen by many investors as the only way to halt the continent's spiraling debt crisis.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell, the euro slid against the dollar and key European markets edged down in off-hour trading after Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced the results of their

emergency talks in Paris.

Sarkozy called for a "new economic government" for Europe that would meet at least twice a year with European Union President Herman Van Rompuy as its head, but he offered few other details or indications that the body would have real power.

Merkel and Sarkozy also called for all euro zone nations to enact constitutional amendments requiring balanced budgets. They said they want the process completed by the summer of 2012, but it would almost certainly run

into protracted political difficulties in many countries.

Both leaders said the moment was not right to replace 17 government bonds with a single one allowing weaker economies to borrow in cooperation with the powerhouse economies of France and Germany. A growing number of experts are calling for the eurobond as a way to prevent the unaffordable interest rates that have driven Greece, Ireland, and Portugal to seek bailouts from the eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund.

New figures show slowing

French and German growth, and the German government fears it would face higher borrowing costs and more risks if it had to borrow jointly with financially shaky nations.

"We have exactly the same position on euro bonds," Sarkozy said. "One day we could imagine them, but at the end of a process of European integration, not at the beginning."

The Dow fell as many as 190 points shortly after 1 p.m. in New York, a sign of clear market disappointment with the lack of immediate action.

## Wal-Mart, Home Depot upgrade outlooks

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Consumers may not be confident, but the stores that sell to them certainly seem to be.

Wal-Mart and Home Depot, two of the nation's largest retailers and bellwethers of the U.S. economy, on Tuesday joined a string of other merchants that have boosted their profit outlooks for the year despite a flow of bad economic news that suggests they have no reason to be optimistic. TJX Cos., which owns TJ Maxx and Marshalls, Macy's Inc., Kohl's Corp., and Nordstrom Inc. have all raised their outlooks in the past week.

Retailers' results are a close-

ly-watched barometer of how willing Americans are to loosen their purse strings, which is important since consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of the economy. But at a time when families are being squeezed by rising costs, high unemployment, scant pay raises and a weak housing market, the positive forecasts seem to fly in the face of other economic indicators.

"It's cautious optimism. Retailers want to be optimistic but they know consumers can turn on a dime," said Wall Street Strategies analyst Brian Sozzi. "Retailers are still climbing a wall of worry."

Merchants have plenty to worry about. They want to avoid a repeat of the aftermath of the financial crisis in 2008 when shoppers pulled back so much that revenue and profits suffered and some were forced out of business. Merchants are better positioned to weather the downturn now, but Americans have continued to cutback during the painfully slow recovery. Adding to that, recent events have caused consumers to feel even worse about the economy and spending.

Consumer sentiment hit a 31-year low in August, according to a key survey completed last week,

as stock market turmoil and recent political strife over raising the federal debt ceiling shook already nervous shoppers. And the International Council of Shopping Centers-Goldman Sachs index, which tracks revenue at stores that have been open at least a year at 27 major retailers, has shown three consecutive weeks of declines.

Still, retailers have some reason for optimism. Consumers spent more on cars, furniture, electronics and other goods in July—and more in May and June than previously thought. Retail sales rose 0.5 percent last month, the best showing since March, according to the Commerce Department.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### US stocks fall on European economic, debt worries

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Worries about Europe's economic and debt problems sent stocks Tuesday to their first loss in four days. The major indexes bounced up and down in another volatile day. The Dow Jones industrial average fell more than 120 points in the first half hour of trading after a report showed that Germany's economy stalled last quarter and dragged down growth for Europe. The Dow recovered and had a slight advance at midday, but resumed its drop after the leaders of France and Germany tried to calm worries about Europe's debt problems by pushing for long-term political solutions. Investors were hoping for immediate financial measures like the introduction of a single bond jointly backed by the eurozone's members. The Dow fell as many as 190 points in the early afternoon before again recovering.

#### Automakers rebound in July to lift factory output

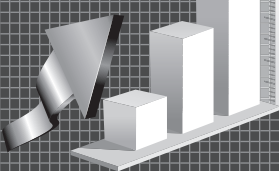
**WASHINGTON (AP)**—U.S. automakers rebounded in July to boost factory production by the most since the Japan crisis. But builders broke ground on

fewer single-family houses, leaving home construction at depressed levels. The mixed data suggest that the economy remains fragile but is not on the cusp of another recession. Overall industrial production, which includes output by utilities, mines and factories, rose 0.9 percent last month, the Federal Reserve said Tuesday. That's the largest gain this year.

#### Dell cuts guidance, showing industry uncertainty

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Dell Inc.'s decision to cut its revenue forecast for the year shows how computer makers are getting pulled in two directions at once, stretching some investors' faith to a breaking point. Corporate and government demand for PCs has been strong for the past year, helping to lift the industry after the Great Recession. But consumer demand has collapsed because of high unemployment and the lure of new gadgets such as tablet computers and smartphones. Worrisome new economic signs and budget cuts threaten to hamper the recovery. They have cast doubt on the ability of Dell and other PC makers to lift themselves in a meaningful way.

### STOCK PORTFOLIO



### LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
11,405.90	1,192.76	2,523.45
-76.97	-11.73	-31.75
-0.67%	-0.97%	-1.24%

### EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms	Australian Dollar	0.9566	Indian Rupee	45.5128	Singapore Dollar	1.2074
	British Pound	0.6103	Indonesian Rupiah	8,555.30	South Korean Won	1,072.96
	Canadian Dollar	0.9851	Japanese Yen	76.9350	Swiss Franc	0.7963
	Chinese Yuan	6.4108	Malaysian Ringgit	2.9924	Taiwan Dollar	29.0243
	Euro	0.6963	New Zealand Dollar	1.2022	Thailand Baht	29.9508



# Nation

## \$360M lost to insurgents, criminals in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP)—After examining hundreds of combat support and reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan, the U.S. military estimates \$360 million in U.S. tax dollars has ended up in the hands of people the American-led coalition has spent nearly a decade battling: the Taliban, criminals, and power brokers with ties to both.

The losses underscore the challenges the U.S. and its international partners face in overcoming corruption in Afghanistan. A central part of the Obama administration's strategy has been to award U.S.-financed contracts to Afghan businesses to help improve quality of life and stoke the country's economy.

But until a special task force assembled by Gen. David Petraeus began its investigation last year, the coalition had little visibility into the connections many Afghan companies and their vast network of subcontractors had with insurgents and criminals—groups military officials call “malign actors.”

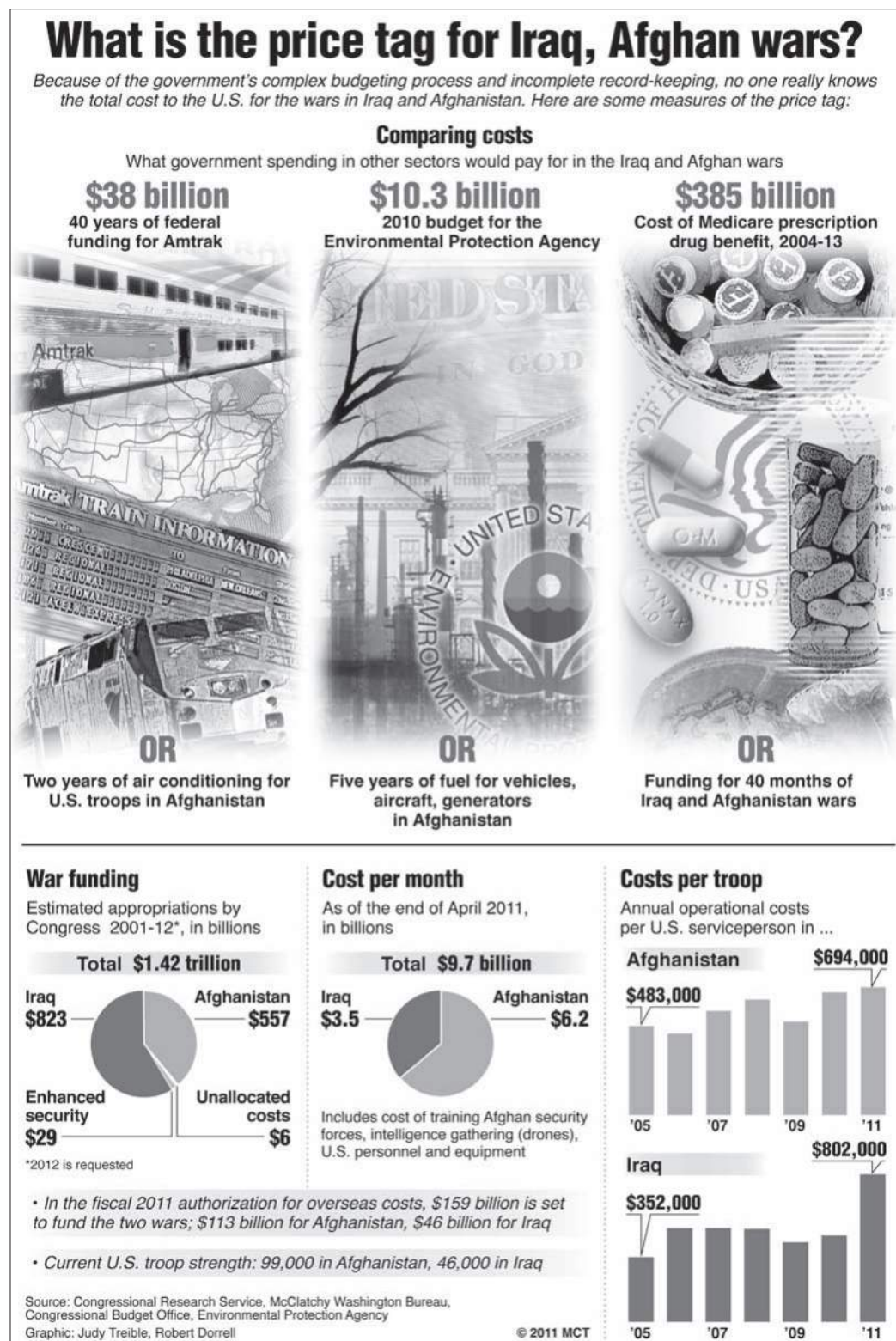
In a murky process known as “reverse money laundering,” payments from the U.S. pass through companies hired by the military for transportation, construction, power projects, fuel and other services to businesses and individuals with ties to the insurgency or criminal networks, according to interviews and task force documents obtained by the AP.

“Funds begin as clean monies,” according to one document, then “either through direct payments or through the flow of funds in the subcontractor network, the monies become tainted.”

The conclusions by Task Force 2010 represent the most definitive assessment of how U.S. military spending and aid to Afghanistan has been diverted to the enemy or stolen. Only a small percentage of the \$360 million has been garnered by the Taliban and insurgent groups, said a senior U.S. military official in Kabul. The bulk of the money was lost to profiteering, bribery and extortion by criminals and power brokers, said the official, who declined to provide a specific breakdown.

The official requested anonymity to discuss the task force's ongoing investigation into the movement of U.S. contract money in Afghanistan. The documents obtained by AP were prepared earlier this year and provide an overview of the task force's work.

Overall, the \$360 million represents a fraction of the \$31 billion in active U.S. contracts that the task force reviewed. But insurgents rely on crude weaponry and require little money to operate. And the illicit gains buttress what the International



Crisis Group, a Brussels-based think tank, referred to in a June report as a “nexus between

criminal enterprises, insurgent networks and corrupt political elites” in Afghanistan.

More than half the losses flowed through a large transportation contract called Host

Nation Trucking, the official said. Eight companies served as prime contractors and hired a web of nearly three dozen subcontractors for vehicles and

convoy security to ship huge amounts of food, water, fuel and ammunition to American troops stationed at bases across Afghanistan.

## Panetta: Bigger defense cuts would ‘weaken’ US

WASHINGTON (AP)—Large new cuts in defense spending would “terribly weaken” U.S. national security, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Tuesday as he and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton used a rare joint interview to argue that the nation cannot afford to keep playing partisan chicken with its finances.

Panetta expressed optimism about progress by American-led forces against the Taliban in Afghanistan and by NATO forces in support of anti-government rebels in Libya. He cited those conflicts as examples of why severe cuts to spending on defense and diplomacy would be dangerous.

Panetta said the Pentagon is prepared to make \$350 billion in cuts over the next 10 years, as agreed by Congress. But he warned of dangers to the national defense if bigger reductions are required.

The recent deficit compromise reached between the White House and Congress set up a special bipartisan committee to draft legislation to find more government cuts. If the committee cannot agree on a deficit-reduction plan by year's end or if Congress rejects its proposal, it would trigger some \$500 billion in additional reductions in projected na-

tional security spending.

“This kind of massive cut across the board, which would literally double the number of cuts that we're confronting, that would have devastating effects on our national defense; it would have devastating effects on certainly the State Department,” Panetta said.

Clinton said Americans should understand that in addition to preserving military strength, it is in the nation's security interests to maintain the State Department's role in diplomacy and development. She suggested that the political stalemate over spending cuts has put that in jeopardy.

“It does cast a pall over our ability to project the kind of security interests that are in America's interests,” she said. “This is not about the Defense Department or the State Department. ... This is about the United States of America. And we need to have a responsible conversation about how we are going to prepare ourselves for the future.”

Clinton acknowledged that it is harder to defend the State Department budget than military spending.

“It's a harder case because I think there's a lot of both misunderstanding and rejection of the work that is done by the State Department,” she said.

## Obama: ‘Lone wolf’ terror attack biggest concern

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama said Tuesday that a “lone wolf” terror attack in the U.S. is more likely than a major coordinated effort like the Sept. 11 attacks nearly a decade ago.

With the nation preparing to observe the 10th anniversary of hijacked airliners crashing in New York and Washington and along the Pennsylvania countryside, Obama said the government is in a state of heightened awareness.

“The biggest concern we have right now is not the launching of a major terrorist operation, although that risk is always there,” the president said in an interview with CNN.

“The risk that we're especially concerned over right now is the lone wolf terrorist, some-



President Barack Obama speaks during a Rural Economic Forum, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, at Northeast Iowa Community College in Peosta, Iowa, during his three-day economic bus tour.

body with a single weapon being able to carry out wide-scale massacres of the sort that we saw in Norway recently,” he said. “You know, when you've

got one person who is deranged or driven by a hateful ideology, they can do a lot of damage, and it's a lot harder to trace those lone wolf operators.”

In Norway, Anders Behring Breivik, 32, was charged with killing 69 people last month at a youth camp. A lawyer for Breivik says his client believes the massacre was necessary to save Norway and Europe from Muslims and punish politicians who have embraced multiculturalism.

In recent years the U.S. has endured terror-linked attacks that authorities believe were carried out by a single person. In November 2009, 13 people were killed at Fort Hood, Texas, in a shooting that led to charges against an Army psychiatrist who authorities allege had become an Islamic extremist.

A botched car bomb in New York's Times Square in 2010 and a Christmas Day 2009 attempt to bring down a Detroit-bound jetliner with a bomb also

were tied by authorities to one person in each instance.

In the CNN interview, Obama said the government continues to monitor and gather information about potential terrorist plots even though al-Qaida's capabilities have been degraded. Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was killed by Navy SEALs during a raid in Pakistan last May.

Asked if Americans don't have to worry about a nuclear or radiological attack or some other “spectacular” event, Obama said: “Look, as president of the United States, I worry about all of it. But I think the most likely scenario that we have to guard against right now ends up being more of a lone wolf operation than a large, well-coordinated terrorist attack. We still have to stay on top of it, though, and we're never letting our guard down. That's part of our job.”



# Asia

## Philippines seeks to strengthen anti-terror law

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III said Tuesday his administration has asked legislators to strengthen an anti-terror law by easing safeguards against abuse that have deterred authorities from using it.

Former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo signed the Human Security Act in 2007 to strengthen the Philippines' battle against al-Qaida-linked militants. But concern over possible rights violations prompted lawmakers to include strong safeguards against abuses.

Since its passage, the law is known to have been used only twice.

Aquino said one proposed amendment to the law would drastically reduce an \$11,700 (500,000-peso) fine for each day the police or the military wrongfully detain a terror suspect.

The government also wants to remove a provision that requires terror suspects to be notified when they are placed under surveillance, he said.

"Who would want to be slapped with a half a million (pesos) daily fine?" Aquino told a news conference after submitting several priority bills to congressional leaders, including the proposed anti-terror law amendments.

"A law enforcement entity would be frightened to arrest anybody despite strong intelligence," Aquino said.

Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, a former defense chief and a proponent of the anti-terror legislation, said he would back Aquino's proposed changes.

The United States and Aus-



A protester, wearing a mask which is shaped as a rotten egg, stands next to the line of riot police during a rally along a street leading to the Philippine Congress to protest State of the Nation Address by Philippine President Benigno Aquino III at the Philippine Congress at suburban Quezon city northeast of Manila, Philippines, Monday July 25, 2011.

tralia welcomed the law when it took effect in July 2007. U.S. and Australian security officials have expressed fears that suspected terror training camps in the southern Philippines could produce militants able to carry out attacks anywhere in the world.

But several left-wing groups, legislators and human rights advocates petitioned the Supreme Court to declare the law unconstitutional, saying its definition of terrorism is too broad and could cover legitimate dis-

sent like labor strikes, anti-U.S. demonstrations and even stunts by environmental activists.

The Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the law last year.

The law defines terrorism as any of at least 12 violent crimes—including murder, kidnapping, arson, piracy, coup and rebellion—that cause widespread and extraordinary panic and force the government to give in to unlawful demands.

It allows detention of suspect-

ed terrorists without charge for three days and their rendition to other countries.

Police used the law to charge three bombing suspects with terrorism in November 2008.

Last year, prosecutors asked a court in southern Basilan province to make membership in the small but brutal Abu Sayyaf group a crime and list more than 200 of its fighters as terrorists under the law, citing more than two decades of bombings, kidnappings and beheadings.

## Rivals suspected in attack on Filipino governor

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Political rivals and not terrorists may have staged a car bomb attack that killed two people and wounded six but missed a Filipino governor traveling in a convoy in a violent southern region, officials said Tuesday.

Maguindanao Gov. Esmel Mangudadatu, who took office after many of his relatives were slain in the country's worst political massacre in 2009, was shaken but unhurt in Monday's attack in Tacurong City in Sultan Kudarat Province.

His bullet-resistant van was leading a seven-vehicle convoy to his birthday celebration when a parked car laden with a 105 mm howitzer round blew up and struck the fourth vehicle in his entourage, police said.

Among the wounded was a Maguindanao provincial board member, who later died in a hospital. His son, whose foot was severed by the powerful blast, was in serious condition. A bystander also was killed, Sultan Kudarat police chief Danilo Peralta said.

"We're looking at the possibility that this was politically motivated and not an act of terrorism," Peralta told The Associated Press. He refused to name any suspects amid an investigation.

TV footage showed the wreckage of the bomb-laden car and soot-covered debris scattered on the road. The blackened dash board and steering wheel were the only recognizable parts.

Additional police forces were deployed to Sultan Kudarat following the attack to mount 24-hour road checkpoints and patrols, Peralta said.

Mangudadatu told investigators he has been receiving death threats. He suspected political rivals rather than Muslim militants in the attack, Peralta said, adding the car bomb was parked far from houses and crowded areas, which are usually targeted by terrorists.

Suspected militants were believed to have planted two powerful bombs made of mortar rounds near a crowded mall in June, and two other devices hidden in a sack in a passenger bus terminal in Tacurong last weekend. All the bombs were safely defused, Peralta said.

Mangudadatu, an ex-town mayor, rose to prominence in November 2009 when 57 people—including his wife, sisters, supporters and at least 31 journalists—were gunned down in Maguindanao in a massacre that was blamed on his political rivals.

## China launches terror crackdown in restive west

**BEIJING (AP)**—Chinese security forces have launched a two-month "strike hard" crackdown against violence, terrorism and radical Islam following renewed ethnic violence in the restive western region of Xinjiang, the regional government said.

The campaign began Aug. 11 and will last through Oct. 15, and includes around-the-clock patrols of trouble spots, identity checks and street searches of people and vehicles, according to a notice posted Tuesday on the regional government's website.

Authorities will step up investigations of suspicious activity and deal with defendants even more harshly through accelerated trials, the notice said.

"Public security units at all levels across the region must strengthen the work of security, take strict precautions, and create fear and awe," it said.

The region's police department conceded that the number of rising violent incidents was on the rise, and pledged to "un-

cover the masterminds and organizers behind such activities."

"The frequency with which terrorist activities are carried out in the region is rising and it must be curbed," the department said in a statement late Tuesday.

China rolls out such crackdown campaigns on a regular basis despite criticism from rights groups over the trampling of rights of the accused and imposing tougher penalties for crimes from theft to endangering state security.

Signaling the authorities' determination to crush all opposition, Beijing earlier this month dispatched to Xinjiang its elite Snow Leopard anti-terrorism unit, which had been charged with securing the 2008 Beijing Olympics and is specially trained in anti-terrorism, riot control, bomb disposal and responding to hijackings.

The unit will bolster security for the annual China-Eurasia Expo, being held in the regional capital, Urumqi, the first week in September, along with National

Day celebrations on Oct. 1.

The crackdown follows new outbreaks of violence blamed on militants among Xinjiang's native Uighur (pronounced WEE'-gur) population, ethnic Turks who are culturally, linguistically and religiously distinct from China's majority Han. Militants have for decades been fighting a low-level insurgency to gain independence for lightly populated but resource-rich Xinjiang, which borders Pakistan, Afghanistan and several unstable Central Asian states.

China generally keeps a tight lid on information about attacks in Xinjiang, and the overall level of violence is unclear. Uighur activists say even peaceful protests are often labeled acts of terrorism.

However, official reports said at least three dozen people, including the attackers, were killed in three attacks in the cities of Hotan and Kashgar, despite a massive security presence that was tightened follow-

ing a major anti-Chinese riot in Urumqi two years ago in which at least 197 people were killed.

Beijing blames the violence on militants based overseas, specifically ones from the East Turkistan Islamic Movement who it says trained in militant camps in Pakistan.

Yet Beijing has provided no direct evidence, and analysts say they suspect its claims are driven more by ideology than proof. Uighur activists say harsh crackdowns only lead to greater anger among young Uighurs who already are feeling culturally and economically sidelined by waves of Han migration to the region.

Dilxat Raxit, spokesman for the German-based World Uyghur Congress, said high-pressure tactics and "systematic persecution" of attempts to assert a Uighur identity would only encourage radicalism.

"China is ducking responsibility for the turmoil its own policies have created," Raxit said.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### New Zealand's 'Happy Feet' penguin to be released

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)**—New Zealand's favorite penguin visitor will soon be released into the sub-Antarctic ocean. The emperor penguin known as Happy Feet has been booked onto a research vessel scheduled to leave the country Aug. 29. Happy Feet was discovered June 20 at Peka Peka Beach about 40 miles (65 kilometers) northwest of Wellington, far from his Antarctic feeding grounds. He was transferred to the Wellington Zoo four days later after becoming sick from eating sand, which he likely mistook for snow.

#### Support grows for Indian anti-corruption activist

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—Hundreds of people chanting slogans of support have gathered outside a prison in India's capital where an anti-corruption activist is holding a hunger

strike protest. Police arrested Anna Hazare on Tuesday as he planned a public fast to push the scandal-embroiled government to frame tougher anti-corruption laws. Hazare began fasting behind bars and his supporters held street protests across the country.

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## World

## Gadhafi's troops use hospital as base, doctors say

**ZAWIYA, Libya (AP)**—The day Libyan rebels advanced into the strategic city of Zawiya, Moammar Gadhafi's forces clamped down on the local hospital.

They forced doctors to perform hours of consecutive surgeries, put snipers on the roof and an anti-aircraft gun near the entrance, two doctors who managed to escape said Tuesday.

As the Libyan regime's grip on this coastal city of 200,000 is slipping, stories are seeping out about the reign of fear and intimidation imposed here over the past five months.

Residents interviewed in rebel-controlled parts of Zawiya gave accounts of mass arrests in the preceding months. A woman said her son-in-law and two of his relatives were arrested and killed by Gadhafi agents. A rebel fighter said he was subjected to beatings and electric shocks.

Zawiya had risen up forcefully against Gadhafi when anti-regime protests swept the country in mid-February, but was reoccupied in a brutal crackdown in mid-March.

Rebels pushed into the city on Saturday, but after four days of fighting Gadhafi's soldiers still control about 30 percent of the city, including the hospital and a bank building, said a rebel spokesman, Col. Jumma Ibrahim.

Dr. Hamid al-Shawish, a



A Libyan rebel runs for cover from sniper fire during fighting in the town of Zawiya, roughly 50 km (30 miles) west of Tripoli, Libya, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011.

30-year-old surgeon, said the regime had clamped down hard on Zawiya since March, arresting anyone suspected of sympathizing with the rebels. At least 20 doctors and nurses were seized from the hospital, and some remain missing, al-Shawish said.

He and a colleague, gynecologist Mohammed al-Kum, said regime forces were a constant presence in the hospital, replacing the director with one of their own and ordering

medical staff around.

On Saturday morning, there was an influx of dead and wounded regime soldiers, and civilian patients were ordered to leave the hospital to make room, the two doctors said. Troops closed down the pediatrics and gynecology wards, among others.

The bodies of at least 30 Gadhafi soldiers were brought in that day, along with some 150 wounded, said al-Shawish, who was in charge of the

emergency room. Rebels often allege that most of Gadhafi's troops are African mercenaries, but al-Shawish said there were many Libyans among the wounded soldiers.

The soldiers ordered doctors and nurses to stay on their jobs, according to al-Shawish, who said he performed 15 operations between 11 a.m. Saturday and 3 a.m. Sunday. He said three more surgeons worked on other floors.

Al-Shawish said that while

fer seriously this time.

Security forces have repeatedly clashed with anti-government tribesmen during the uprising, with some of the fiercest fighting taking place north of Sanaa.

Medical officials said Tuesday at least 33 were killed in fighting in the past two days in the Arhab region.

Tensions between Arhab tribes and Saleh have turned violent since the start of the uprising. The tribes accuse the government of indiscriminately shelling their villages and killing civilians. The government claims the tribesmen are linked to al-Qaida.

The recent clashes broke out Monday when government forces in tanks and armored vehicles tried to raid a number of Arhab villages and local fighters mobilized to keep them out, said eyewitness Kamal Salami.

he was working, armed soldiers wandered in an out of the emergency room. "Anyone who was not operating was told to operate," said al-Shawish, but added that he did not have guns pointed at him.

Gadhafi's men posted snipers on the roof and an anti-aircraft gun in a yard, right outside the window of the emergency room, the doctor said. Gadhafi's forces fired randomly at nearby houses, but he did not hear incoming rebel fire, he said.

Al-Kum said he was able to sneak out of the hospital on Sunday. Al-Shawish said he recognized a soldier guarding the hospital gate as the father of an infant he had circumcised. After initially refusing to let the doctor go, the guard relented and let al-Shawish walk out Sunday, with a promise that he would re-

turn shortly.

Since their escape, the two doctors have been working at a clinic in Bir Moammar, a rebel-controlled village about eight kilometers (five miles) south of Zawiya.

Anger against the regime runs deep in Zawiya, where residents said regime supporters supplied Gadhafi soldiers with lists of suspected rebel sympathizers to arrest.

Abdel Moez Ramadan, a 20-year-old fighter, said he was imprisoned for three months, suffering beatings and electrical shock during the first 20 days. He said his interrogators demanded that he chant slogans in praise of Gadhafi.

After his release, he fled to the rebels' mountain stronghold and joined the fight to free Zawiya, he said. "I want to take revenge for my country," he said.

## Chavez says feeling better, insists illness 'not serious'

**CARACAS, Venezuela**

**(AP)**—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday that he's improving after undergoing a second round of chemotherapy in Cuba to treat his cancer, and boasted that he's never felt healthier.

"I could stand here talking for five hours," said Chavez, one of the world's most loquacious leaders.

The socialist leader, who returned from Cuba on Saturday, said he doesn't know yet if he will need a third round of chemotherapy. He said his medical team also will decide if he needs a second round of radiation treatment.

"I'm doing very well. In fact, I've never been better," Chavez told journalists after a meeting at the presidential palace with Maria Emma Mejia, secretary-general of South America's UN-ASUR organization.

"It's not serious," he said of his illness. He added that "I don't have metastasis," the medical term for the spread of cancer from one organ to another.

Chavez, who appeared on the steps of the palace with his head completely shaven, said he has been taking extremely good care of himself since the cancer was diagnosed. "Everybody knows chemotherapy has a tough impact and for that

reason I must be very careful everyday regarding an infection, a germ, a virus."

Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba in June to remove a cancerous tumor. He has said the tumor was located in the pelvic region but has not disclosed what type of cancer was found. He gave no further details Tuesday.

The president praised UN-ASUR for developing initiatives aimed at making South America less dependent on powerful countries, singling out as an example the Bank of the South, a regional development bank supported by seven South American nations. It was launched in 2009 with startup capital of \$20 billion.

"We are innovating. We're tired of copying foreign models," Chavez said.

"Look how they are demonstrating their failure," he added, referring to the economies of the United States and Europe that have been bogged down in a weekslong financial crisis.

Mejia, a prominent Colombian politician who is visiting presidents throughout the region to discuss initiatives aimed at further developing economic and political integration efforts, said she and Chavez talked about ways of strengthening the Bank of the South.

## Yemeni president: 'See you soon in Sanaa'

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)**—Embattled Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh vowed Tuesday to return home from Saudi Arabia, a move which could set off a violent new phase in the impoverished country's six-month uprising seeking to topple his regime.

Security across Yemen has collapsed during the revolt, with al-Qaida-linked militants controlling entire towns in the country's south and anti-government tribes clashing with security forces elsewhere. In just the past two days, at least 33 were killed in two days of fighting north of the capital, medical officials said.

Saleh, Yemen's ruler for 33 years, has maintained power throughout the uprising despite massive protests, defections by military commanders, growing international pressure to transfer power and a bomb attack on

his palace that left him badly injured. He has been in neighboring Saudi Arabia recovering from severe burns and other wounds since June 5.

Speaking Tuesday in a televised address from the Saudi capital, Saleh vowed to return home, telling his supporters: "See you soon in Sanaa." He also lashed out at his opponents, calling them, "exploiters, war merchants, and street looters."

Saleh, who only last week left the hospital in Riyadh, appeared to be in better shape compared to his first appearance after the attack, when he looked stiff and frail.

Other than the medical white gloves covering his burnt hands, Saleh seemed to have recovering. His face appeared to have healed from the burns, and he moved comfortably and confidently in front of the camera.

Saleh didn't refer to a power-transfer deal—backed by Saudi Arabia and the U.S.—which offers him immunity from prosecution if he steps down. The Yemeni leader has three times agreed to the deal, put forward by Arab Gulf states, only to back out on each occasion at the last minute.

The proposal would see Saleh transfer power to his deputy, who would then call presidential elections.

On Tuesday, Saleh said he is willing hand over power to his vice president if the armed tribal fighters who support the protesters are pulled from the streets and the opposition ends its demonstrations.

The opposition has rebuffed past overtures from Saleh, calling them insincere, and it was not immediately clear whether it would take the president's of-

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Clinton launches business loan program in Haiti

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**—Former U.S. President Bill Clinton launched a new business loan program in Haiti on Tuesday aimed at helping bolster an economy that was devastated by the January

2010 earthquake. Clinton said the first loan in the \$20 million program is being made to Caribbean Craft, which produces colorful goods such as carnival masks, sculptures and paintings for export and lost its workshop in the earthquake.

## Venezuela, Iran seek to boost dialogue within OPEC

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—The presidents of Venezuela and Iran have agreed to work together within OPEC as economic concerns weigh on world oil prices, the Venezuelan government said Tuesday.

President Hugo Chavez spoke with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad by telephone Monday, and the two agreed on the need to coordinate more closely in OPEC, Venezuela's Foreign Ministry said. It cited the "ominous effects of the crisis in the domi-

nant powers' economies."

## Zimbabwe general's death may prompt power struggle

**HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)**—A raging house fire has killed one of Zimbabwe's main political brokers, raising questions Tuesday about the battle within

longtime President Robert Mugabe's party over who will succeed the ailing 87-year-old leader. Gen. Solomon Mujuru, the 62-year-old former military chief and guerrilla leader, died in an overnight fire at one of his homes, the nation's army commander said Tuesday.



## Focus

# British gangs thrive in August riots

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK  
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**BIRMINGHAM, England (AP)**—The Burger Bar Boys. The Cash or Slash Money Crew. The Bang Bang Gang. These names sound straight out of a dime-store novel, but they're real-life Birmingham gangs—some of the underground armies that spearheaded England's worst riots in a generation.

As Britain comes to grips with the causes of the past week's descent into anarchy, Prime Minister David Cameron has identified the growth of gangs as a key factor and is recruiting high-profile American anti-gang experts to help bring them to heel.

While senior British police officers openly resent that move, analysts of gang culture say it seems logical to seek American assistance, because today's British gangs consciously ape American gang ambitions and style, from the bling to the lingo.

They talk in a street patois shaped by U.S. rap lyrics, use noms de guerre lifted straight from American gangster films and crime dramas, and choose such icons as Don Corleone, Al Pacino's Scarface or Baltimore ganglord Stringer Bell of "The Wire" TV series as their avatars on social-networking sites.

"These teenage gangsters are creating their own criminal worlds, and in their minds it's very much an Americanized world. When they talk about the police, it's 'the Feds,' or 'The 5-0,' as in Hawaii 5-0," said Carl Fellstrom, an expert on England's gangs and author of a recent book on the topic, "Hoods."

British law enforcement authorities admit that, until only a few years ago, they sought to minimize the scale and violent potential of their homegrown gangs. They promoted their preferred label of "delinquent youth groups" and billed full-blooded street gangs as an American phenomenon.

In the wake of the August riots—when gangs used text-messaging to deploy break-in artists to breach steel-shuttered shops—politicians now use the "G" word pointedly.

"Territorial, hierarchical and incredibly violent, the gangs are mostly composed of young boys, mainly from dysfunctional homes," Cameron told the House of Commons in an emergency debate on the riots. "They earn money through crime, particularly drugs, and are bound together by an imposed loyalty to an authoritarian gang leader. They have blighted life on their estates, with gang-on-gang murders and unprovoked attacks on police."

In Birmingham, a reporter took a drive through the contested turf of its working-class west side, a hodgepodge of cramped red-brick rowhouses and gray-concrete 1960s tower blocks where rival Caribbean and Indo-Pakistani gangs long have been at odds. Their feuds have sparked at least four riots since the 1980s.

The police were there too, raiding the home of a gang member believed to be storing loot from the week's gang raids on convenience stores and hi-fi shops.

At one corner, a teenage boy in hooded jacket and green bandanna—color of a predominantly Caribbean gang

called BMW, short for Birmingham's Most Wanted—was keeping an eye on "the Feds" as they pounded in the front door of that house and charged in by the dozen in search of stolen electronics and fashion-label clothes.

Such raids have become common sights in gang power bases since rioting subsided Wednesday. The BMW foot soldier texted his gang leader the police's location, using heavily abbreviated code that the "5-0" was raiding

the house of an enemy "cru."

The boy, initially hostile to a reporter's questions, warmed up when asked about the cost of a black-market plasma TV.

"It's sale of the century down that end. Everything must go," he said, pointing to a nearby residential cul-de-sac in the opposite direction of the police raid.

The gang's pilfered TVs, he said, were going for one-tenth of their sticker price, and locals were paying in cash in back alleys beyond the reach of Birmingham's network of CCTV cameras. He added with a cheeky smile: "We don't take Visa, but we do home delivery."

English gangs often defend their turf down to the curbstone. Many even attach the postal codes of their district to gang names. They also mark territory with wavy-lettered graffiti of tribal identity that would look at home on a Los Angeles highway underpass.

Virtually every spot on the English map that suffered riots is home turf to one or multiple gangs, according to an interactive online map called London Street Gangs and related gang-mapping efforts by the Metropolitan Police and University of Bedfordshire youth-crime expert John Pitts.

One riot spot, Enfield in north London where a Sony distribution center was ransacked, hosts a half-dozen active gangs including Dem Africans, Red Brick Crew and Gun Man Down. The south London borough of Croydon, scene of the worst arson attacks and the fatal shooting of a 26-year-old



A worker walks past burned cars in Ealing, west London, after a night of rioting, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011.

man, is the power base for the Don't Say Nothin gang.

While the wide-open shops in London inspired citizens from all walks of life to loot, police say gangs formed the theft-savvy vanguard. CCTV footage of certain riot zones clearly shows groups carting off goods with their faces hidden by gang-branded bandanas, baseball caps and jacket hoods.

The north London borough of Tottenham, where the fatal police shooting of alleged gang member Mark Duggan on Aug. 4 triggered the first riot two days later, has at least a dozen gangs rooted in the vicinity.

Duggan was a reputed member of The Stars gang in Tottenham and a relative of a major crime family in Manchester, northwest England. Police say Duggan, 29, was transporting a loaded Italian handgun hidden in a sock at the time of the police ambush. His last recorded words were a text to his pregnant girlfriend: "The Feds are following me."

Roy Gisby, who helps manage a London-wide charity called In-volve that tries to steer youths away from drugs and gangs, said how the violence spread from Tottenham demonstrated the hallmarks of gang direction. The

lead rioters in attacks on shops brought cars for both getaways and carrying heavy loads, and deployed members using preset gang text lists to tie down police, he said.

"It's gang-led, no doubt about that," said Gisby, 59. "Look at what happened in Tottenham. The youngsters were kept in the streets there to riot, while the older ones went north to rob Enfield. It might've looked like chaos, but there was an order to it."

In Nottingham, the city of Robin Hood fame, gang members wearing the red bandanna of one of the city's biggest gangs, St. Ann's Posse, tossed gasoline bombs at a police station before ransacking a sportswear store. The following night, the city's other major gang, the Radford Boys, showed up in their black bandanas to lob Molotov cocktails at their turf's own police station, too.

"Radford didn't like that their big rivals were getting all the media attention, so they had to put on a show of force too," said Fellstrom, whose book focused on Nottingham gangs.

A national study by the Home Office, responsible for law and order in England, estimates that 6 percent of all boys and girls aged 10 to 19—or around 50,000 people—are members of gangs. They're sometimes recruited by older gang members to serve as drug couriers, making deliveries by bike with little risk of being stopped by police, just as in the United States.

The starkest difference between British and American gangs is the firepower. In gun-control Britain, only the bigger gangs make firearms—smuggled in with drugs shipments from Holland, North Africa and the Caribbean—their weapon of choice. For U.K. teenage apprentices and wannabes, the knife is still king.

Most of the more than 5,000 stabbings a year in Britain, according to police and social workers, are gangs attacking rivals who strayed into their areas, muscled into their rackets, or simply insulted them.

Already this year in London, eight teenagers have been stabbed to death. One wouldn't hand over his cell phone. Another was stopping a bicycle-borne gang from chasing his younger brother.

Such bloodshed pales in comparison to the epicenter of gang culture, Los Angeles, where an estimated 90,000 gang members have been blamed for

the majority of 297 murders last year. The LA gang model is the world export leader, with chapters throughout the United States and Central America. Dozens of British gangs brand themselves as L.A.-style Crips and Bloods, too, although no true trans-Atlantic affiliation exists.

But even before England's August riots, gangs cast a bigger statistical shadow in London than in New York, where official crime figures last year recorded just 228 gang-related crimes—in a city that suffered 18,000 robberies and 532 murders. While experts there estimate New York's gangs to have around 17,000 members, they stick to business and discourage inter-gang conflict over turf.

"New York doesn't have clearly demarcated gang territories," said David Brotherton, a youth gang expert and chairman of the sociology department at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Britain's Cameron has just recruited the Los Angeles Police Department's former commander, William Bratton, to be his adviser on anti-gang tactics. Bratton previously commanded the police in Boston and New York, where his tactics were credited with greatly reducing gang-related bloodshed. Cameron and Bratton are expected to promote ideas pioneered 15 years ago in Boston by Harvard academic-turned-crime fighter David Kennedy.

Kennedy's "Boston strategy" seeks public meetings of police, probation workers, welfare providers, community residents, and a target audience of gang members. The discussions have been credited with delivering sharp drops in gang-related killings in Boston, Chicago and Cincinnati.

"It is now absolutely demonstrable that there is a better way to do this. There is a 15-year history in the United States in city after city after city. We don't think that London can fix its gang problem. We know it can fix it," Kennedy said.

While England has been slow to address its growth of gang culture, the gang-infested capital of Scotland—Glasgow—has already imported the Boston method.

Karen McCluskey, a director of Scotland's Violence Reduction Unit, in 2008 held her first Boston-style mass meeting with gang members in a Glasgow courthouse. She said gang members were shocked to learn the wealth of intelligence police held about them, appeared unaware of the range of help on offer, and were shamed by stories of how their behavior had terrified their neighborhoods.

McCluskey said her colleagues were skeptical that American anti-gang techniques could be imported meaningfully to Scotland, then watched Glasgow's gang-related violent crimes fall 46 percent in the past three years because of them.

"It's easy to say that the approach won't work here because of this difference or that difference," Kennedy said. "The one thing we've learned is that the differences don't make a difference."

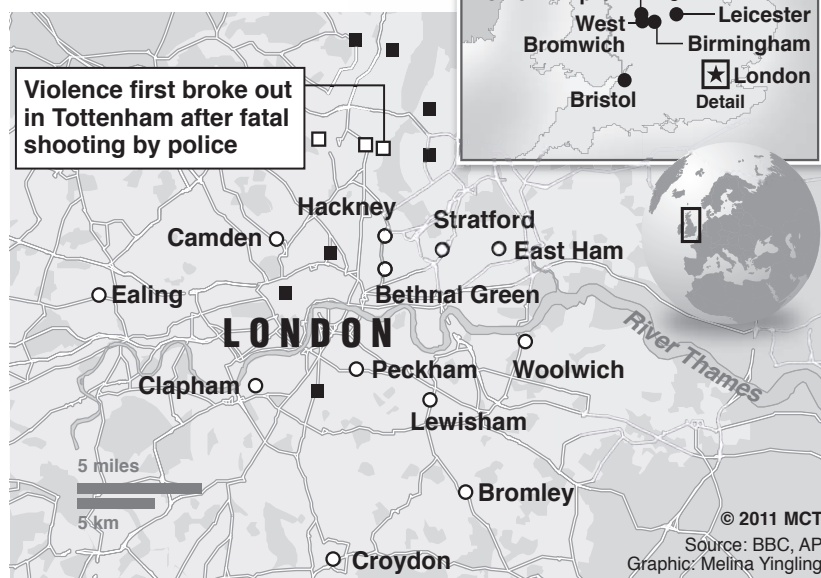
*David Stringer in London, Thomas Watkins in Los Angeles, and Colleen Long in New York contributed to this report.*

## England riots

Riots first started Saturday night and have now spread outside of London.

### Location of riots

- Saturday night
- Sunday night
- Monday night
- New riots outside London





# Environment

## Divers, educators learn about coral bleaching, climate change

Nearly 70 volunteers from the local dive, snorkel, and education communities learned how to identify varying stages of coral bleaching at a recent workshop aimed at raising awareness about coral reef resiliency and climate change in the CNMI.

The three-hour workshop sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration featured presentations on climate change and coral reef resiliency by marine biologists and ecologists from the Division of Environmental Quality and NOAA's Pacific Islands Regional Office. Volunteer coaches from the Division of Fish and Wildlife, Coastal Resources Management Office, DEQ, and Asia Pacific Academy of Science, Education and Environment Management, or APA-SEEM, led hands-on activities to familiarize participants with monitoring methods.

In addition to raising awareness about coral reef resiliency in the CNMI, another goal of the workshop is to create a network of volunteer monitors who can help gather current data on the bleaching status of the CNMI's corals.

Coral bleaching is the pro-



JOHN FUREY, APASEEM

CoralWatch coaches from CRM, DFW, NOAA, DEQ and APASEEM.

cess through which corals lose their symbiotic algae, known as zooxanthellae, in stressful environmental conditions. Coral bleaching can occur on local, regional and global scales typically as a result of an increase in sea surface temperatures. Though resilient coral can recover after bleaching, prolonged

exposure to increased temperatures can eventually kill entire reefs. Managers hope to use the new data to better understand which reefs within the CNMI are more resilient and which are more at risk.

Participants learned how to use a non-invasive, color-based monitoring tool for corals de-

veloped by CoralWatch, a non-profit organization based out of the University of Queensland. Using color-coded Coral Health Charts participants learned to collect data on the variation of brightness representing different stages of bleaching and recovery in corals.

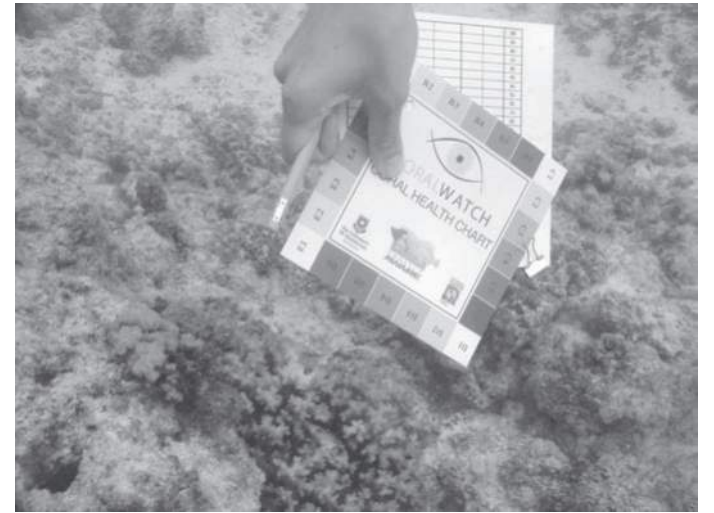
The workshop was orga-

nized and hosted by the CNMI Coral Reef Initiative, APA-SEEM, and NOAA.

APASEEM is a nonexclusive professional association, initially begun in April 2004 and formally established in November 2008. The Academy's base is in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The goals of APASEEM are to serve as an advocacy-neutral hosting forum for science, science education, and environmental management presentations; to promote discussions of mutual interest amongst regional sci-

ence and environmental management professionals, teachers, students, and the public; and to help sponsor grant- and donation-funded noteworthy projects within these disciplines. For more information about APASEEM, contact John Furey at [jfurey@saipan.com](mailto:jfurey@saipan.com).

For more information on how to participate in CoralWatch, contact Steven Johnson, DEQ, (670) 664-8524, [Steven.johnson670@gmail.com](mailto:Steven.johnson670@gmail.com) or Steve McKagan, NOAA, (670) 234-0004, [steven.mckagan@noaa.gov](mailto:steven.mckagan@noaa.gov). (DEQ)



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A CoralWatch coach uses the Coral Health Chart to identify the level of bleaching in a branching coral at Marianas Resort reef flat.

## Stumped for a recycling solution?

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Stumped on what to do with stuff you can't toss in the recycling bin? Don't trash it before finding out how to Do Your Part with even the trickiest of items. Here are my "Top 5 Solutions to Your Recycling Problems".

### 1) LIGHT BULBS

CFLs—or compact fluorescent light bulbs—should never be thrown away because they contain a small amount of mercury. There are several big companies that have convenient drop off sites and will recycle them responsibly. Lowe's, Home Depot, and Ikea stores have in-store recycling bins for unbroken CFLs and many full service-recycling centers will also accept them.

### 2) PLASTIC BAGS & BAGGIES

The last thing you should do with plastic bags and baggies is to throw them away. They take thousands of years—if not more—to break down in a landfill. Instead, reuse them first. Even the smallest plastic baggies can be rinsed out and used again. You can return most plastic shopping bags for recycling at almost all grocery stores. And get this, those stores (along with Wal-Mart and Target) will also



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Groceries will usually take plastic baggies with grocery bags in recycling while home improvement stores take CFL bulbs and there are designated places to drop off used batteries so the heavy metals in them are recycled instead of polluting landfills.

accept plastic sandwich bags labeled with a #4 plastic resin code, newspaper bags, and plastic wraps. Just check with your local store for details.

### 3) BATTERIES

Batteries should never be thrown away because of the heavy metals they contain, which can contaminate land and water. Instead, recycle those prized materials responsibly. Only a handful of curbside recycling programs will accept batteries but there are many retailers and full service recycling centers that will take your old batteries. Earth911.org and the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation both provide online directories to help you find battery recy-

clers near where you live.

### 4) TATTERED CLOTHING

Most of us have given away boxes of good clothing to Goodwill or other charitable organizations. But what about old clothing or things like rags, bedding or towels, which are too worn out to be re-used? Well, Goodwill wants them too so long as the material is not wet or contaminated with chemicals. These items are sorted and sold for recycling or other uses such as sofa stuffing.

### 5) INK & TONER CARTRIDGES

Every year, hundreds of millions of ink and toner cartridges are used in this country. And, 70 percent of those end up in our landfills! Printer cartridges are

easily refilled and recycled. You can also get paid to turn in your old cartridges. You can earn anywhere from a few cents to \$20 or more per cartridge. There are a number of online sources that will supply a pre-paid shipping label to mail accepted cartridges in exchange for cash. Or you can turn in your used cartridges for recycling at Office Max, Staples and Office Depot and earn a few dollars store credit.

For specific information on all these recycling solutions and more, check out [DoYourPart.com/Columns](http://DoYourPart.com/Columns). And remember, just because you have something that can't go into your recycling bin, doesn't mean it should go to in the trash. Do Your Part and find a better solution.

## Green your grilling routine



Summer is here and the grillin' is easy—and energy efficient!

Whether you're an expert grill master or just beginning to barbecue, here are five ways you can Do Your Part to green your grilling routine.

### 1) PICK A GREENER GRILL

When it comes to the environment, there's a clear winner between gas grills and charcoal ones. Natural gas or propane powered grills use less energy overall and are the better choice when it's time to buy a new grill. They're more energy efficient and produce fewer pollutants than burning charcoal. The gas options also heat up faster and don't produce any soot—plus there aren't any ashes to dispose of after grilling.

### 2) CHOOSE BETTER CHARCOAL

If you already have a charcoal grill that's working well—keep it! Why send it to the dump if you don't have to? And, there are ways to make it greener. It all starts with shopping for the right kind of charcoal. Avoid self-starting ones and look for additive-free or all-natural lump charcoal. They won't release the toxic additives that regular charcoal does.

### 3) LOSE THE LIGHTER FLUID

Lighter fluid can also release toxins. A better choice is using a chimney starter. You can find

ones for less than \$10 at most home improvement stores and they will get your coals hot in just a matter of minutes with no toxic fumes.

### 4) FOCUS ON THE FOOD

With all the focus on the type of grill you have, don't forget about the food. When shopping for beef or chicken, organic choices are healthiest. You can spot them because of the USDA Organic label. This label verifies that the animals were given only organic feed and were not injected with growth hormones or antibiotics. Another eco-friendly option is local meats, which keeps money in your community and cuts down on the miles your food travels to get to your table. For seafood lovers, there are easy to find sustainable seafood guides that tell you which seafood is best to buy and which to avoid. And, if fresh vegetables are on the menu, visit farmer's markets for local crops and avoid the so-called "dirty dozen" fruits and veggies by buying organic options. You can find more information on sustainable seafood guides and pesticide-free produce resources at [DoYourPart.com/Columns](http://DoYourPart.com/Columns).

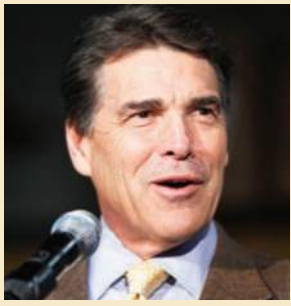
### 5) CLEAN WITHOUT TOXIC CHEMICALS

After you're done cooking, a baking soda and water paste is an all-natural alternative that works just as well without any potentially dangerous chemicals. (McClatchy Newspapers)



## Life & Style

# 350-year-old stolen Rembrandt found at CA church



Perry

### New books about Texas Gov. Rick Perry coming

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Rick Perry has the book world's attention.

The Texas governor and recently declared GOP presidential candidate is the subject of new book by James C. Moore, co-author of the anti-George W. Bush best-seller "Bush's Brain," and Texas political consultant Jason Stanford.

Metropolitan Books, an imprint of Henry Holt and Company, announced Tuesday that "Adios Mofo: Why Rick Perry Will Make America Miss George W. Bush" is scheduled for early 2012.

According to Metropolitan, the authors have "deep contacts with numerous operatives in the Perry campaign" and will present the governor as an "ideologue with scant interest or success in governing."

The book's title comes from remarks Perry made in 2005 after a television interview with a Houston reporter. Perry, who later apologized, said he was unaware the microphone was still on.

Also Tuesday, Crown announced an e-book on the governor will come out next week. "Rick Perry and his Eggheads," by Sasha Issenberg, is an inside account of Perry's successful 2006 reelection campaign and the academics who analyzed it. The e-book is based on Issenberg's "The Victory Lab," due in the fall of 2012.

Meanwhile, a book by Perry himself received a sales bump after he announced his candidacy Saturday.

The hardcover of "Fed Up!" moved into the top 400 on Amazon.com and is out of stock until Friday. The conservative policy book was released last year by Little, Brown and Company. Its foreword is by Newt Gingrich, one of Perry's rivals for the Republican nomination.

**MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP)**—A stolen Rembrandt sketch was too hot to handle for thieves, and even the detective who held the 17th century artwork in white-gloved hands Tuesday admitted he was nervous. After all, it was only days earlier that the 350-year-old artwork worth \$250,000 was swiped from the lobby of a seaside hotel.

The 11-by-6-inch pen-and-ink drawing was found in an unlocked public area of an Encino church Monday evening after a caller recognized it from news accounts of its weekend theft, said Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore.

It was verified as being the stolen piece shortly after midnight, he said. However, experts will be asked to authenticate the work as a Rembrandt, and until then it will remain in an evidence locker, Whitmore said.

"It's going to stay under lock and key until the detectives determine where to send it next," he said.

The frame holding it will be fingerprinted and investigators will try to determine whether the church has any surveillance video, detective Clarence Williams said Tuesday as he held up the recovered artwork in a



The Los Angeles Sheriffs department displays the recovered \$250,000 quill pen Rembrandt drawing known as "The Judgment" at a news conference, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, in Marina Del Rey, Calif.

dark-wood frame at a Marina del Rey news conference.

The Rembrandt was snatched from an easel on Saturday during a private art display in the lobby of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Marina del Rey. A curator was momentarily distracted by someone who seemed interested in buying another piece.

The thieves apparently tore open brown paper covering the

back of the frame, intending to remove the mounted sketch, but then got cold feet.

"They realized that ... it's going to be very hard to sell" because of the publicity and might not have had the knowhow and connections to sell the sketch, Williams said.

"It doesn't appear to be damaged or touched."

It was abandoned, "we believe,

because there was so much publicity," Whitmore said. "How do you sell it? What do you do with it?" It was not immediately clear whether the thieves were professionals or amateur opportunists.

"I honestly can't tell you if it was well thought-out, at this time," Williams said.

Investigators had several leads, were reviewing hotel surveillance video and were work-

ing on a sketch of the suspects, Whitmore said.

The artwork, in its original mounting, was found in an unlocked church building about 20 miles from where it vanished, Williams said. The detective declined to name the church or to say whether the sketch was found in the sanctuary.

"Right now it looks like it was dumped off," Williams said.

At St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, an Anglican parish in Encino, the Rev. Michael Cooper confirmed the sketch was found there but he declined to release any details.

The man who tipped off authorities is not a suspect and is cooperating with investigators.

The sketch, called "The Judgment," was completed around 1655 and is signed on the back by Rembrandt von Rijn. It was drawn with a quill pen and depicts what appears to be a court scene with a man prostrating himself before a judge.

The drawing was part of an exhibit at the hotel sponsored by the Linearis Institute based in the San Francisco Bay area community of Hercules.

Calls to the institute for comment were not immediately returned Tuesday.

## Judge throws out suit against 'The Help' author

**JACKSON, Miss. (AP)**—Did Kathryn Stockett use her brother's African American maid as the basis for a character in the bestselling novel-turned-movie "The Help?"

For now, that question may go unanswered, by a court anyway.

A Mississippi judge threw out a lawsuit Tuesday in which Ablene Cooper alleged Stockett used her likeness without permission in a book about relationships between white families and their black maids in the segregated South of the 1960s.

Hinds County Circuit Judge Tomie Green granted a motion for summary judgment, dismissing the case because a one-year statute of limitations elapsed between when Stockett gave Cooper a copy of the book and when the lawsuit was filed. The lawsuit sought \$75,000 in damages.

Stockett was not in court in Jackson, the same city where the book is set.

Cooper wiped away tears leaving the courtroom and launched into a tirade outside the courthouse.

"She's a liar. She did it. She knows she did it," Cooper screamed.

The judge did not make any determination on whether Cooper

was the basis for the character, Aibileen, saying the statute of limitations trumped those matters.

Besides the similarities in names, Cooper's lawsuit says she lost a son shortly before going to work for Stockett's brother, where she takes care of two children, a boy and a girl. Cooper's lawsuit says that's the same as the character portrayed in the book.

Cooper's attorney, Edward Sanders, told The Associated Press he will consider the legal options available, including an appeal.

Melissa Broder, Stockett's publicist, had no comment. One of Stockett's attorneys, Fred Banks Jr., had no immediate comment either, saying he would release a statement later.

Stockett's defense team argued in court papers that Cooper and the character are not that similar.

"The Help" does not use Mrs. Ablene Cooper's name. It uses the name Aibileen Clark. It does not paint a picture of Mrs. Ablene Cooper, middle-aged in 2011. It paints the picture of Aibileen Clark, middle-aged in 1962," the lawyers said in court filings.

Stockett's attorneys said in court records that Aibileen is based on the late Demetrie McLorn, the Stockett family's

housekeeper, who died when the author was a teenager.

"The Help" was made into a movie that opened last week. It debuted at No. 2 nationwide, bringing in \$26 million.

The lawsuit says Stockett's refusal to acknowledge that she based the character on Cooper's likeness "is so outrageous in character, and so extreme as to go beyond all bounds of human decency, and is utterly intolerable in a civilized community."

The suit also says that during a 2009 interview with The Atlanta Journal Constitution, Stockett said: "When I was writing this book I never thought anyone else would read it, so I didn't get real creative with the names. I just used people I knew. Some of them aren't talking to me right now, but I feel like they'll come around."

After court Tuesday, Cooper's adult son wrapped his arm around his mother's shoulders and yelled at a throng of reporters to get out of their way as they walked toward their car.

Cooper has said she's been embarrassed and distraught by the language used by the character that she says is based on her.

"You see how I'm hurt? You know I'm hurt," Cooper said outside the courthouse.

The lawsuit quotes passages from the book, including one in which Aibileen's character de-

scribes a cockroach: "He black. Blacker than me."

The lawsuit says Cooper found it upsetting and highly offensive to be portrayed as someone "who uses this kind of language and compares her skin

color to a cockroach."

Cooper's lawyer acknowledged in court that Stockett gave her a copy of the book in January 2009, about a month before it was published. The lawsuit was filed in February 2011.



Stockett

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

*We, the family of the late*

ROBERT WAYNE  
SABLAN MILNE

Wish to extend our sincere, heartfelt thank you and appreciation to the Clergy, Families, Relatives, Classmates and Friends for your prayers, comforting expressions of sympathy, kind assistance and generosity to us during our time of sorrow for the loss of our beloved one who is now in God's everlasting care.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You

**Mary Ann Milne, Joseph Reyes,  
Brothers and Sister**



# Husband of 'Housewives of Beverly Hills' star dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The estranged husband of a "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" cast member has been found dead in his Los Angeles home, apparently from suicide. The death of 47-year-old Russell Armstrong was caused by hanging and no note has been found, Los Angeles County Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said.

Armstrong, who was married to "Housewives" Taylor Armstrong, was pronounced dead at 8:16 p.m. Monday in a home on Mulholland Drive, Winter said.

Bravo, home of the "Real Housewives" reality franchise, said in a statement Tuesday that "all of us at Bravo are deeply saddened by this tragic news. Our sympathy and thoughts are with the Armstrong family at this difficult time."

Russell Armstrong was an investment banker and venture

capitalist. His relationship with his wife was a big part of the drama on the first season of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," which peeks into the privileged lives of six women living in the posh neighborhood.

Armstrong appeared on many episodes, accompanying wife Taylor to events. She often discussed the couple's relationship troubles with the other women on the show, which premiered last fall.

In February, she wrote on her website that she and her husband "are working on our communication and spending more time together. without our Blackberrys" and that "the show gave us a wakeup call and for that, we are thankful."

The second season is set to begin Sept. 5. In the opening episode, filmed months ago, Taylor Armstrong tells the other

housewives that she and her husband are going to therapy.

Later, she bursts into tears at a dinner party when one of the other women's husbands tells her that therapy is a sign of weakness. She is also shown shopping for lingerie to help spice up her marriage.

Bravo provided an advance copy of the premiere episode to the press last week.

Court records show Taylor Armstrong filed for divorce on July 15 in Los Angeles. Russell Armstrong had not yet responded to her petition.

The couple was sued last month for \$1.5 million by a company that claims the pair diverted money from investors to promote their lavish lifestyle, including re-decorating their mansion.

The complaint stated Russell Armstrong represented himself to be a successful venture capitalist



In this Feb. 5, 2011 file photo, television personality Taylor Armstrong, left, and husband Russell Armstrong attend a Super Bowl party in Dallas, Texas.

who claimed he had procured \$2 billion for various entities.

His publicist, Rebekah Iliff, said he was the founding managing director of Crescent Financial Partners. She confirmed the couple was in the midst of a divorce.

The couple's relationship troubles were set to be part of the show's second season, said fellow housewives Kyle Richards and Camille Grammer, whose own divorce from ex-husband Kelsey Grammer played out on the first season of show.

Richards said in an interview last week that viewers could expect to see "Taylor's situation, just seeing that unravel and it's

a very emotional subject; a very difficult subject."

Richards and Grammer said they weren't surprised that Taylor Armstrong filed for divorce.

"I think we all saw in season one that they weren't exactly a match made in heaven," Richards said.

Taylor Armstrong often complained to her cast mates that she felt neglected by her husband. She says on her website that she met him in 2004, and court records show they were married in 2005.

They have one daughter, 5-year-old Kennedy Caroline Armstrong.

Besides Taylor Armstrong, Richards and Grammer, "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" stars Adrienne Malloof, Kim Richards and Lisa Vanderpump. Two other women joined the show in its second season: Dana Wilkey and Brandi Glanville, who is dealing with the aftermath of her own high-profile divorce.

Glanville's ex-husband, actor Eddie Cibrian, recently married singer Leann Rimes after an apparent affair documented in tabloids and online.

"The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" is the newest in the "Real Housewives" franchise, which follows affluent women in cities such as Atlanta, Miami and New York City.

Some of the other "Housewives" took to Twitter and Facebook to express their condolences.

"Shocked and deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Russell Armstrong," Jill Zarin, who appears on the New York City version, tweeted Tuesday.

"No words can express how much my heart is breaking for my fellow housewife sister (at)taylorarmstrong and her daughter," Gretchen Rossi, who appears on "The Real Housewives of Orange County," wrote on Facebook. "Please keep her and her family in your prayers and thoughts today. RIP Russell Armstrong."

## Jackson concert promoters remove Kiss from lineup

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Organizers of a Michael Jackson tribute concert dropped Kiss from the lineup after receiving widespread criticism for booking the band despite critical comments toward the late pop singer by bassist Gene Simmons.

The announcement Tuesday came a day after Global Live Events announced Kiss would join the show planned for Oct. 8 in Cardiff, Wales. Fans, media and the singer's estate quickly noted that Simmons has said in recent years that he was convinced Jackson molested children. Some of the critical comments came within days of Jackson's June 2009 death.

Jackson was acquitted of molestation charges after a 2005 trial in California.

Some of Simmons' harshest comments came last year in an interview with Classic Rock magazine. "Well, you know, where there's smoke there's fire," Simmons said regarding accusations that Jackson abused young boys. "There's no question in my mind he molested those kids. Not a doubt."

Global Events Live CEO Chris Hunt accepted blame, calling Kiss' booking an "oversight."

"Under the circumstances, we fully agree that even though Kiss is a band Michael admired, we have no choice but to rescind our invitation to them to appear in our tribute concert," Hunt wrote in a statement.



In this April 21, 2011 file photo, Gene Simmons, of the rock group KISS, introduces a signature Mini automobile at the New York International Auto Show.

A spokeswoman for the band was not immediately available for comment.

It is the latest stumble for a show that is endorsed by Jackson's mother and several siblings but is opposed by brothers Jermaine and Randy. The brothers have noted that the show is scheduled to happen during the involuntary manslaughter trial of a doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death.

Fans have protested ticket prices -which start at nearly

\$100—the lineup and the show's faraway location since "Michael Forever—The Tribute Concert" was announced last month.

Howard Weitzman, an attorney for Jackson's estate, questioned the show in a letter sent to Hunt on Tuesday, questioning whether any of the show's proceeds would be going to charity, as promoters have claimed.

Kiss' departure leaves Smokey Robinson, Christina Aguilera and Cee Lo Green as the show's superstars.

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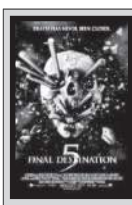
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# Team official: Nets to attend Kardashian wedding



Kim Kardashian arrives at the Do Something Awards on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2011 in Los Angeles.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The New Jersey Nets can accept their invitation to Kim Kardashian's wedding.

A team official says the Nets have been granted permission to attend the reality star's marriage to forward Kris Humphries on Saturday in California.

General manager Billy King and other members of the Nets' basketball operations department are expected to attend the ceremony of their free agent forward,

the official told The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the guest list was to remain private.

With players and their teams not supposed to be in contact during the lockout, they must check with the league about events where they would be together. Weddings are among the special cases the NBA has allowed, such as when Heat All-Star Chris Bosh got married earlier this summer.

## Rocker Mellencamp's divorce from model Elaine Irwin final

**NASHVILLE, Ind. (AP)**—Rocker John Mellencamp and his ex-wife, Elaine Irwin, have finalized their divorce, taking joint custody of their two sons with Mellencamp paying an unspecified amount of child support.

The *Herald-Times* reported Tuesday that Irwin will have primary physical custody of the couple's two sons, 17-year-old Speck and 16-year-old Hud.

The couple's dissolution was made final Aug. 12 in Brown Circuit Court in Nashville, Ind. The newspaper reports the couple's property and assets will be divided according to a prenuptial agreement both signed Sept. 3, 1992, two days before their wedding.

Further details of the divorce were relegated to a 31-page confidential settlement agreement.

## Kidman, Cage, De Niro titles head to Toronto fest

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Bill Nighy and Rachel Weisz's British spy tale "Page Eight" has been chosen to close next month's Toronto International Film Festival, one of the world's biggest cinema showcases.

Co-starring Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon and Judy Davis, "Page Eight" will bring down the curtain on the festival that runs Sept. 8-18.

Other films added to the Toronto lineup Tuesday include Nicole Kidman and Nicolas Cage's thriller "Trespass"; Jennifer Hudson and Terrence Howard's Winnie Mandela drama "Winnie"; Gerard Butler's African missionary tale "Machine Gun Preacher"; Jason Statham and Robert De Niro's action saga "Killer Elite"; and Maggie Gyllenhaal and Hugh



In this Dec. 7, 2010 file photo, actress Nicole Kidman, from the film "Rabbit Hole", poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dancy's comedy "Hysteria."

Among previously announced Toronto titles is "From the Sky Down," a portrait of superstar band U2 that will be the first documentary ever to open the festival.

## O'Neill says he'll get Hollywood star Aug. 30

**YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio (AP)**—"Modern Family" star Ed O'Neill tells his hometown newspaper that he'll get his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame at the end of the month.

O'Neill tells the Youngstown, Ohio, newspaper *The Vindicator* that he'll be honored Aug. 30. Induction speeches will be given by Sofia Vergara, who plays his wife on the ABC hit, and Katey Sagal, who played his wife on

Fox's "Married With Children" in the 1980s and '90s.

A Walk of Fame spokeswoman could not confirm the date.

The 65-year-old O'Neill says he almost turned down the star. He says, "It's bizarre—names on a sidewalk. People can spit on it," but his 11-year-old daughter

persuaded him to accept. He says that, after the initial shock, he realizes the honor is "something to be proud of."



O'Neill

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Postal stamp honors Hollywood director John Huston

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Legendary Hollywood film director John Huston is being honored with a postage stamp. The U.S. Postal Service says the Oscar-winning director of 1948's "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre" says the stamp will be issued next year. The art on the stamp is inspired by the 1941 movie "The Maltese Falcon." It depicts Humphrey Bogart holding the statue of the falcon. Huston's credits also include the Academy Award nominated films "The Asphalt Jungle" (1950), "Moulin Rouge" (1952) and "Prizzi's Honor" (1985). The stamp is part of a four-stamp Great Film Directors series. The Postal Service announced earlier this month that John Ford and Frank Capra are other directors depicted in the series. The remaining director and the date of issue will be announced later.

### Rowling rep: US publisher wrong about meeting

**NEW YORK (AP)**—J.K. Rowling is not amused by a publisher's promise that some of its books will be brought to her attention.

PublishAmerica, in a message on its website, is telling authors that a "delegation" will soon meet with her in Edinburgh and tell the "Harry Potter" author about some of their books. Writers are asked to submit 50-100 word notes that the delegation will present to Rowling. The price: \$49. Rowling spokesman Mark Hutchinson said Tuesday that the claim was "completely false" and promised "appropriate action." PublishAmerica, based in Frederick, Maryland, has long been cited by industry watchdogs for allegedly deceiving authors.

### Composer changes album cover of attacked towers

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Steve Reich is picking another image for his album dedicated to 9/11 after the original photo—of the twin towers under attack—was met with protest. Reich's "WTC 9/11" is out Sept. 20, nine days after the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks. The Kronos Quartet performs the music, and the piece includes prerecorded voices from air traffic controllers, firefighters and others. The initial image shows one tower in flames after the first

plane hit and another jet about to hit the second tower. Since the music included documentary material from the attacks, Reich says he wanted the album art to do the same. But after some criticism, he agreed to choose another image, though he hasn't selected one yet.

### Casey Anthony's parents to appear on TV show

**ORLANDO, Florida (AP)**—The parents of the Florida mother who was acquitted in July of killing her 2-year-old daughter are set to appear on the "Dr. Phil" television show next month. George and Cindy Anthony's interview with Dr. Phil McGraw is scheduled to air Sept. 12, according to a statement released Monday by the show. The episode will examine the public scrutiny they've faced during and after their daughter's murder trial. The Anthonys' daughter, 25-year-old Casey Anthony, was found not guilty last month of the death of her daughter Caylee in 2008. The show is not compensating the couple for the interview, according to the release, though viewers will be asked to donate to a charity group advocating for the rights of grandparents of missing children.

## Mom turns daughter's wedding into a battle with ex-husband

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**DEAR ABBY:** I'm in a real pickle. My ex-wife, "Gloria," and I have been divorced eight years, but have managed to remain civil to each other.

Last year, my daughter had a big birthday party to which I wanted to bring a date. Gloria decided that she would not attend because it would be "hurtful" to see me with another woman. After my daughter called me in tears, I canceled my date and went to the party alone.

Now my daughter is about to be married and I want to bring a date to the ceremony. Again, Gloria has announced that she will forgo the pleasure of seeing our daughter get married "so I can have my way and prove to the world I'm able to get a date." My daughter is caught in the middle and wants us both there.

I foresee a host of problems in the future if Gloria's behavior continues. My girlfriend is understanding, but I wish I could include her in family activities, especially one-of-a-kind events like weddings. Your thoughts, Abby?

ARIZONA DAD IN CONFLICT

**DEAR ARIZONA DAD:** Clearly you have gotten on with your life and Gloria hasn't. Eight years is a long time, and by now your ex should have adjusted to the fact that you have separate lives. I, too, foresee a host of problems in the future if you and your daughter continue to succumb to her emotional blackmail.

One solution would be for Gloria to bring a companion of her own to the wedding. Another would be for you to sit with your ex during the ceremony and with your girlfriend at the reception. But for Gloria to say that you only want your girlfriend with you at family events "so you can show the world you can get a date" is hostile.

If you don't assert yourself and end your ex's game-playing, what will wind up happening is you having to alternate celebrating milestone events in your daughter's and eventual grandchildren's lives.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I like to be tan. Sometimes I tan outside, but often that takes too long and can be damaging to the skin, so I opt for self-tanning lotion. But some people ask me if I have put on "fake-n-bake"! I feel this is rude.

I don't want to have to explain my desire for tan legs. I want people to believe the color is real. They do look that way, but because others are pale in comparison, I get asked about it. How do I reply without giving myself away?

BRONZED BABE IN THE WEST

**DEAR BRONZED BABE:** If people are asking you about the tan on your legs, face it, it doesn't look real. Your problem may be that you are using the wrong product. Or, if you're using it only on your legs, that could be what's made it obvious to others. A possible solution would be to consult someone who works in a spray-tanning salon.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My friend, "Maggie," had her flight home canceled and asked me if she could stay at my place overnight. I'm in a long-distance relationship and I felt my girlfriend of seven years would be uncomfortable with the arrangement. I asked Maggie to respect that and offered to book a hotel room for her instead. She was offended and ended our friendship. Do you think I was wrong?

UNFRIENDED IN VIRGINIA

**DEAR UNFRIENDED:** No, I think you were protecting what was important to you—your girlfriend's feelings. And I also think you made the right choice.

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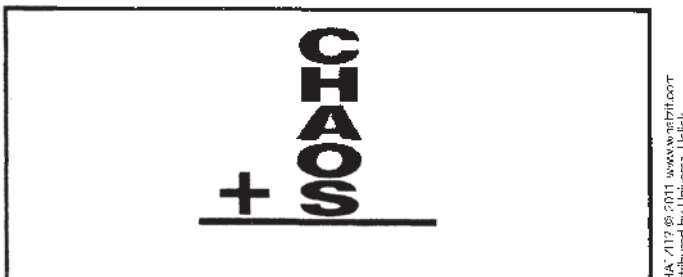
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# Lyle Overbay lifts Diamondbacks past Phillies



**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Lyle Overbay lined a two-RBI double off Roy Halladay in the ninth inning to lift the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 3-2 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Overbay knocked in all three runs as Arizona won its seventh straight game.

Halladay (15-5) had retired 12 straight batters into the ninth. Halladay, trying to become the NL's first 16-game winner, allowed consecutive singles to open the inning. Overbay hit a one-out double to right that helped Arizona win the opener of the three-game series between NL division leaders.

Halladay equaled a career high with 14 strikeouts and tossed his seventh complete game.

Bryan Shaw (1-0) tossed a scoreless eighth and J.J. Putz worked the ninth for his 30th save. Putz fanned Jimmy Rollins with the tying run on second.

Shane Victorino hit a two-run homer off Arizona starter Josh Collmenter in the fifth.

## Braves 2, Giants 1, 11 innings

In Atlanta, rookie Randall Delgado allowed no hits through six innings in his second big-league start as Atlanta pulled out another last at-bat win on Martin Prado's two-out single in the 11th.

Delgado was the star early on, allowing his lone hit on Cody Ross' lead-off homer in the seventh. Prado came through at the end, driving in Brooks Conrad from third with an opposite-field single to right off Javier Lopez (5-2). Conrad had reached on a ground-rule double while pinch-hitting.

Arodys Vizcaino (1-0) picked up his first big league win with two scoreless innings. The Braves won for the second straight night in their final at-bat and lead the NL with 22 of those victories.

## Brewers 2, Dodgers 1

In Milwaukee, Mark Kotsay hit a tie-breaking RBI single in the ninth inning as Milwaukee beat Los Angeles to take its biggest lead in the NL Central this late in a season.

The Brewers have won 18 of 20 and are seven games ahead of second-place St. Louis.

After a pitching duel between Yovani Gallardo and Chad Billingsley, the Dodgers bullpen imploded in the ninth.

Hong-Chih Kuo (0-2) issued a lead-off walk to Prince Fielder, then left for Mike MacDougal. Casey McGehee singled on MacDougal's first pitch to put men on first and second and Yuniesky Betancourt walked on four pitches. Kotsay followed with a single.

Milwaukee is a major league-best 46-15 at home and has a bigger lead in the division than the 1982 Brewers did on their way to winning the AL East and the American League pennant.

## Padres 6, Mets 1

In San Diego, rookie Cory Luebke pitched six strong innings and combined with three relievers on a four-hitter for the Padres.

Luebke (5-6) allowed one run and three hits, struck out five and walked three. Chad Qualls, Luke Gregerson and Erik Hamren each got three outs to complete the four-hitter.

Nick Hundley had three hits, including two triples, for San Diego, which rapped out 15 hits to reach double figures for the second straight game. Or-



Arizona Diamondbacks' Collin Cowgill (4) high-fives teammate Gerardo Parra after scoring the winning run on a double by Lyle Overbay during the ninth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2011, in Philadelphia.

lando Hudson drove in two runs and Cameron Maybin hit his eighth homer, a leadoff drive in the seventh.

New York starter Jonathon Niese (11-10) surrendered 10 hits over six innings, but allowed just three runs, two coming in the first. The left-hander struck out three and walked none.

The Mets lost for the 11th time in 14 games at Petco Park.

## Pirates 5, Cardinals 4, 11 innings

In Pittsburgh, Garrett Jones homered to lead off the bottom of the 11th inning and lift Pittsburgh over St. Louis.

Jones connected on a 2-2 pitch from Arthur Rhodes (3-4) for his 14th home run. It was Jones' second career game-ending homer.

Center fielder Andrew McCutchen prevented St. Louis from going ahead in the top of the 11th when he made a running backhanded inning-ending catch to rob Albert Pujols of extra bases and keep Rafael Furcal from scoring from first base.

Chris Resop (4-4) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Pittsburgh leveled the game in the ninth when Neil Walker homered on the first pitch from closer Fernando Salas.

## Astros 6, Cubs 5

In Houston, pinch hitter Brian Bogusevic hit a grand slam in the ninth inning to end a seven-game losing streak for the Astros.

J.B. Shuck singled with one out in the ninth off Cubs closer Carlos Marmol (2-4) before advancing to second on a wild pitch. Clint Barmes singled and Matt Downs drew a walk to lead the bases and bring up Bogusevic.

Houston reliever Aneury Rodriguez (1-4) struck out one in 2-3 innings for the win.

Kerry Wood pitched a scoreless eighth before Marmol blew his eighth save.

Tyler Colvin hit a two-run homer in

the sixth inning and Aramis Ramirez added a solo shot in the eighth as the Cubs built a 5-2 lead.

## Marlins 6, Rockies 5

In Denver, Anibal Sanchez tossed eight strong innings to win his first game in more than two months, helping Florida hold on to beat Colorado.

Mike Stanton homered, Bryan Petersen had two triples, and Leo Nunez earned his 33rd save for the Marlins, who had to sweat out another ninth-inning rally by Colorado.

A night after he hit a walk-off three-run homer, Jason Giambi hit a pinch-hit, two-run homer off Nunez with two outs in the ninth. Ty Wigginton followed with a single before Dexter Fowler popped out to end the game.

Troy Tulowitzki, Carlos Gonzalez and Seth Smith also homered for the Rockies.

Sanchez (7-6) was sharp in earning his first victory since beating Arizona on June 10.

## Red Sox 3, Rays 1, 1st game Rays 6, Red Sox 2, 2nd game

In Boston, the Boston Red Sox fell half a game behind the New York Yankees in the American League East division race after splitting a double-header against the Tampa Bay Rays, winning the day game 3-1 but losing the nightcap 6-2.

Boston's Jacoby Ellsbury hit a three-run homer, and Jon Lester struck out eight batters in the opener. Lester (12-6) outdueled fellow All-Star James Shields, who pitched nearly as well and deeper into the game but received little offensive support.

Shields (11-10) retired the last 15 batters he faced and struck out six. He only allowed three hits but still took the loss.

Ellsbury has 21 homers this season; more than he hit over his first three seasons combined.

In the second game, Tampa Bay rookie Desmond Jennings hit a homer

and Jeff Niemann struck out 10 as the Rays won despite the Red Sox turning their first triple play in 17 years..

Niemann (8-4) pitched his first complete game of the season and won his seventh straight decision.

## Nationals 6, Reds 4

In Washington, Chien-Ming Wang won back-to-back starts for the first time in three years and Michael Morse and Ryan Zimmerman homered to lift Washington over Cincinnati.

Wang (2-2) allowed four runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings, his longest outing since a stint of 7 1-3 innings on June 10, 2008, that began his previous consecutive wins run.

Morse homered into the right-field seats in the third inning for his 21st shot this season. He also hit a run-scoring double in the first. Zimmerman led off the fifth with his seventh home run.

Ian Desmond singled in two runs in Washington's three-run first.

Cincinnati's Mike Leake (10-8) allowed six runs—five earned—and five hits in six innings. His streak of five straight quality starts was snapped.

## Yankees 9, Royals 7

In Kansas City, Robinson Cano hit a three-run homer into the Kauffman Stadium fountains to help New York down Kansas City.

Russell Martin and Derek Jeter each drove in a pair of runs for the Yankees.

New York starting pitcher Ivan Nova (12-4) struggled almost as much as Royals starter Danny Duffy (3-7), allowing five runs through three innings, but he settled down to retire the side in order the next two innings, and survived long enough to notch his eighth straight win; the most by a Yankees rookie for 31 years.

## Rangers 7, Angels 3

In Anaheim, Texas opened up a six-game lead—its biggest in the AL West all season—over Los Angeles.

Michael Young had three of the

Rangers' 17 hits and drove in three runs, Josh Hamilton homered among three hits before leaving with back spasms and Mitch Moreland had a two-run single amidst three hits.

Texas starter Derek Holland (11-4) fell just one out shy of his fifth complete game as the Rangers further built their buffer over the Angels, who had trailed by a manageable 1-1/2 game just a week ago.

Los Angeles rookie Tyler Chatwood (6-9) couldn't get out of the third, yielding five runs while dropping to 1-5 over his past eight starts.

## White Sox 8, Indians 7, 14 innings

In Chicago, Juan Pierre's game-ending single in the 14th inning capped a five-hour marathon for Chicago, which edged Cleveland.

Gordon Beckham doubled off of Chad Durbin (2-2) with one out in the final inning, advancing to third on Brent Morel's infield single. David Huff reliever Durbin to face Pierre, who singled to left to win it.

White Sox reliever Jason Frasor (3-2) worked the top of the inning to earn the victory.

Chicago remained 3-1/2 games behind the American League Central-leading Detroit. The loss drops the second-place Indians three games back.

## Tigers 7, Twins 1

In Detroit, Justin Verlander allowed just one run in 7 2-3 innings to become baseball's first 18-game winner, leading Detroit to a comfortable win over Minnesota.

Verlander (18-5) labored through a 29-pitch first inning but settled down after that, striking out eight to surpass 200 this year. He walked only one and lowered his season ERA to 2.31.

Miguel Cabrera drove in three runs for the Tigers, and Ramon Santiago hit a solo homer in the sixth.

Twins starter Nick Blackburn (7-10) allowed five runs in 4 2-3 innings.

## Blue Jays 13, Mariners 7

In Seattle, Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 35th home run of the season as Toronto rallied twice to down Seattle.

The Blue Jays appeared on the way to an easy victory with a six-run first inning, highlighted by Colby Rasmus' three-run double. But by the third inning, the Mariners had tied it.

The Jays broke away again with a four-run fifth. Rasmus and Aaron Hill each drove in four runs.

Blue Jays reliever Luis Perez (2-2), who took over in the fourth, earned the victory. He matched his career high with four innings, allowing one run.

Seattle's Jason Vargas (7-11) pitched four-plus innings and took the loss.

## Athletics 8, Orioles 4

In Oakland, Josh Willingham hit a home run and had two hits in Oakland's win over Baltimore.

Coco Crisp drove in two runs, Cliff Pennington had three hits, and Jemile Weeks had two and both drove in runs for the A's, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

Oakland starter Guillermo Moscoso (6-6) allowed two earned runs, and walked only one to take the win.

Baltimore's Brian Matusz (1-5) went 6 2-3 innings in his first start since June 30, giving up six runs in losing his fifth straight decision.



# Report: Players got gifts from Miami booster



Nevin Shapiro, a former Miami booster who is serving a 20-year prison

sentence for masterminding a \$930 million Ponzi scheme, has told Yahoo! Sports he provided impermissible benefits to 72 of the university's football players and other athletes between 2002 and 2010.

Shapiro said he gave money, cars, yacht trips, jewelry, televisions and other gifts to a list of players including Vince Wilfork, Jon Beason, Antrel Rolle, Devin Hester, Willis McGahee and the late Sean Taylor. Shapiro also claimed he paid for nightclub outings, sex parties, restaurant meals and in one case, an abortion for a woman impregnated by a player. One former Miami player, running back Tyrone Moss, told Yahoo! Sports he accepted \$1,000 from Shapiro around the time he was entering college.

"Hell yeah, I recruited a lot of kids for Miami," Shapiro told Yahoo! Sports. "With access to the clubs, access to the strip joints. My house. My boat. We're talking about high school football players. Not anybody can just get into the clubs or strip joints. Who is going to pay for it and make it happen? That was me."

Shapiro has said multiple times in the past year, including in the Yahoo! Sports story posted Tuesday, that he is angry with several of the players he claims to have helped when they were Hurricanes. Miami officials began cooperating with NCAA investigators not long after Shapiro made claims about his involvement with players last year. University president Donna Shalala and athletic director Shawn Eichorst were questioned by the NCAA this week. The school reiterated Tuesday it takes the allegations seriously.

"I can tell you what I think is going to happen," Shapiro told Miami television station WFOR from federal prison in Atlanta. "Death penalty."

Yahoo! Sports says it spent 100 hours interviewing Shapiro over the span of 11 months and audited thousands of pages of financial and business records to examine his claims.

The allegations against Miami have sparked what is just the latest in a string of NCAA investigations involving some of college football's most high-profile and successful programs. In the last 18 months, the football teams at Southern California, Ohio State, Auburn, Oregon, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia Tech and LSU all have either been investigated or sanctioned by the NCAA.

The litany of scandals has led to calls for major reforms in the way the NCAA regulates and polices big-time college athletics. Commissioners of the major conferences, including Mike Slive from the Southeastern Conference and Jim Delany from the Big Ten, have called for major changes and increased penalties for rule-breakers. Last week, NCAA President Mark Emmert led a group of university presidents in laying out an outline for changes, including raising academic standards, streamlining the rulebook and changing the parameters of athletic scholarships.

Shapiro was sentenced in June after he admitted to securities fraud and money laundering. He was also ordered to pay more than \$82 million in restitution to his victims.



This Feb. 2, 2011, file photo shows Miami head coach Al Golden during an interview in Coral Gables, Fla. Golden says some of his players may have made mistakes that prompted an NCAA investigation into convicted Ponzi schemer Nevin Shapiro's role with the program.

Many current Miami players also were named by Shapiro as receiving benefits, Yahoo! Sports reported, including quarterback Jacory Harris, Ray Ray Armstrong, Travis Benjamin, Sean Spence, Marcus Forston, Vaughn Telemaque, Dyron Dye, Aldarius Johnson and Olivier Vernon. Former Miami quarterback Robert Marve, now at Purdue, also was named by Shapiro, Yahoo! Sports said. Purdue officials declined to comment on the Marve mention.

The story cited specifics involving only Armstrong, Dye and Vernon, alleging they received extra benefits as recruits. Shapiro said he worked in concert with several former Miami assistant coaches during the recruiting process.

"It was me and some other players with my incoming (class). I'm not going to say the names but you can probably figure them out yourself," Moss told Yahoo! Sports. "When I was getting there my freshman year, it was me and a couple more players. It was me and a few more of the guys in my incoming class that he kind of showed some love to."

Miami coach Al Golden, who was hired in December, acknowledged Tuesday that some of his players may have made mistakes.

"We'll stay focused. I'm certain of that," Golden said. "We're disappointed but we're not discouraged. And again, there's going to be a life lesson here. We're talking about allegations from a man that's behind bars, now. If these do hold some truth, then we'll deal with them. There's no other way to do it."

Current Miami players were not made available to comment Tuesday, and will not be made available before Wednesday's practice, the university said.

Yahoo! Sports also said Shapiro paid Wilfork \$50,000 as a recruiting tool to sign with sports agency Axxess Sports & Entertainment, a firm Shapiro claimed he co-owned for much of the time he was involved with the Hurricanes. Yahoo! Sports reported players got cash and benefits through Shapiro's partner, former NFL agent and current UFL commissioner Michael Huyghue.

Reached Tuesday by The Associated Press, Huyghue denied that story.

"It's just fantasy," Huyghue said. "He never had any role in my company."

Huyghue said he signed three Miami players in seven years. He said Shapiro was not a runner and he did not represent any players, but did invest \$1.5 million in his agency in 2001 and that the two spoke only occasionally.

"He didn't have the acumen to represent players," Huyghue said.

Meanwhile, at least one player named

by Shapiro said he did try to steer them toward agents.

"I know of (Shapiro)," said Hester, now with the Chicago Bears. "At the time I was going into the draft, he was like a runner for an agent. I had declared into the draft. He was one of the runners for one agent."

Hester would not say which agent.

Golden said he emailed his team "every day this summer" about avoiding problems that recently hit other schools, and he specifically mentioned North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Ohio State. He said his players have a "Cane Code" reminding them about such issues.

"We've got to make sure the third parties stay away from our student-athletes," Golden said.

Also reported by Yahoo! Sports:

■ Shapiro said he paid basketball recruit DeQuan Jones \$10,000 to secure his commitment. Jones, a part-time starter last year, is now a senior with the Hurricanes.

■ At least six coaches and as many as 10 athletic department employees overall were allegedly aware of Sha-

piro's illicit activity, including former basketball coach Frank Haith, now at Missouri. All the coaches named by Shapiro have since left Miami. Haith lashed out at the story in a statement released through Missouri late Tuesday.

"I am more than happy to cooperate with the national office on this issue and look forward to a quick resolution," Haith said. "The NCAA has instructed me not to comment further at this time in order to protect the integrity of their review, so I appreciate your understanding in this matter. The reports questioning my personal interactions with Mr. Shapiro are not an accurate portrayal of my character."

■ Shapiro said he paid for 39 different players to receive sex from prostitutes. He also claimed to have offered a \$5,000 bounty to any player who could knock Florida State quarterback Chris Rix out of a game, provided players access to his multimillion-dollar home and yacht, and even alleges he bought rims for Hester's sport-utility vehicle.

"I did it because I could," Shapiro said of his spending. "And because nobody stepped in to stop me."

Shapiro's relationship with the program dates back about a decade. Some of the alleged incidents occurred in the past four years, which would be within the NCAA's statute of limitations regarding violations.

Miami officials said that when Shapiro first made his allegations nearly a year ago, he and his attorneys refused to provide any facts to the school.

"The university notified the NCAA enforcement officials of these allegations," the school said in a statement Tuesday morning. "We are fully cooperating with the NCAA and are conducting a joint investigation. The University of Miami takes these matters very seriously."

After Yahoo! Sports posted its story Tuesday afternoon, the university released another statement, saying it "takes any allegations seriously, and will continue to cooperate fully in a joint investigation with the NCAA."

When Shapiro was sentenced, the U.S. Attorney's Office said he "used investor funds to make payments to dozens of student athletes who were attending a local university in the Miami area to which Shapiro made significant donations ... cash in amounts up to \$10,000 and gifts such as jewelry and entertainment at nightclubs and restaurants in Miami Beach. As a result of a 10-year gift to the university, its Student-Athlete Lounge was named for Shapiro."

The University of Miami was not specifically mentioned in that release, but the school temporarily named its lounge for Shapiro. His name was removed in 2008 after the school said he did not follow his pledged donation-payment plan. (AP)

## San Diego police want to talk to Kobe



**SAN DIEGO (AP)**—A police spokesman says detectives want to interview Kobe Bryant after a man claimed he was injured by the Los Angeles Lakers star during a confrontation at a church.

Police say Bryant apparently thought the man was taking his pic-

ture with a cellphone at a Carmel Valley church on Sunday. Bryant reportedly took the phone from the man but saw no pictures on it, then left the church. According to broadcast reports, the man, whose identity hasn't been released, went to a hospital for treatment of a wrist injury.

Police spokesman Detective Gary

Hassen said Tuesday that detectives were told they won't be able to talk to the alleged victim until Aug. 24.

In a statement to the Los Angeles Times, Bryant attorney Mark Campbell said Bryant "is aware of the baseless allegations asserted against him and is prepared to defend against them fully."



# Dickinson sweeps electric classes in SRCR's August race

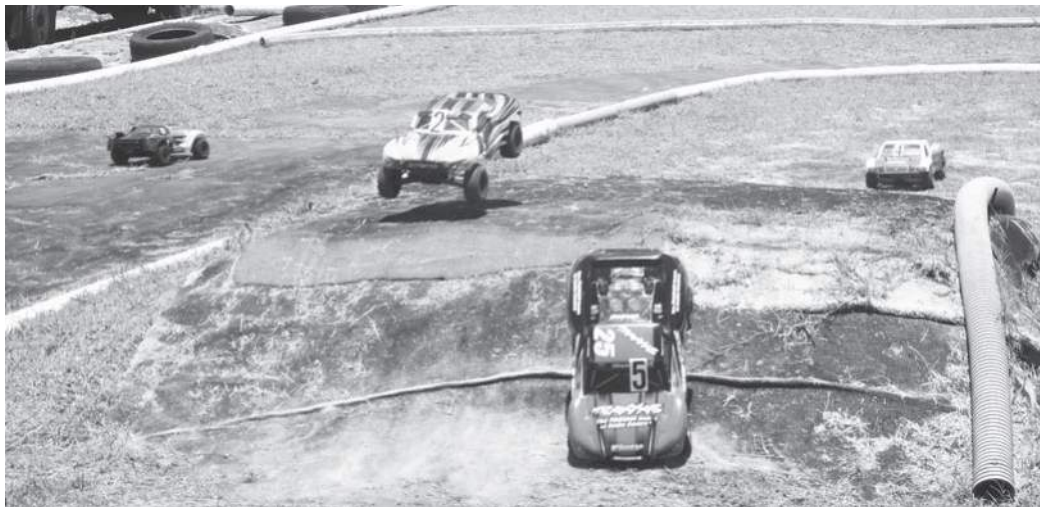
By **WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND**  
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Jude Dickinson dominated the Saipan Radio Control Racers Club short track in last Sunday's August monthly race at the As Lito track, taking both the pole and the checkered flag in the 1/10 Electric Short Course Stock and Open classes.

Meanwhile, Rodney Catalla reigned supreme in the 1/8 Nitro Truggy class, finishing as the top qualifier and overall winner.

Dickinson's TraXXas Slash electric car took on all comers in both divisions, finishing head and shoulders over the competition.

Paul Salalila's Kyosho SC-R Ultima settled for second place, ahead of third finisher Catalla



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Two 1/10 Electric Short Course Stock car racers ramp over a table top in last Sunday's Saipan Radio Control Racers Club race at their track in As Lito.

(TraXXas Slash) in the Electric Stock class.

Later in the Electric Open di-

vision event, Leo Gatus crossed the line in second place as Catala snuck into the third spot again

for an impressive podium appearance in all three categories; both Gatus and Catalla also ma-

neuvered TraXXas Slash cars.

In the Truggy group, Romel Isidro's MB-X5T placed second, while Jojo Saracho's MB-X6T came in third.

There are over 20 active SRCR members, and growing, who regularly take part in practices at the As-Lito Track every Saturday from 2pm to 6pm.

In addition, the SRCR tries to hold a daylong race, once a month, usually on Sundays from 9am to 5pm in their three racing classes. The novice class was added as a result of the recent additional turnout. The public is welcome to check out the track to learn more about their sport/hobby.

For more information, contact Catalla at 234-5911, 256-7119, or email drcc35@yahoo.com.

## WONG

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ying time was ranked 48th. The U.S.' Timothy Phillips posted the fastest qualifying time at 23.76 seconds and advanced to the finals with seven other swimmers after ruling Heat 9.

Wong was on Heat 4 and finished fourth in the eight-swimmer group behind South Africa's Guilio Andrea Zorzi (24.84 seconds), Hong Kong's Andres Tung (26.52 seconds) and China's Keqiang Wu (26.60

seconds). The CNMI swimmer defeated Singapore's Wen Hao Joshua Lim (26.87 seconds), Angola's Nuno Rola (27.76 seconds), Saudi Arabia's Hamza Mokhtar (28.90 seconds), and the Philippines Sean Garchitorea (29.38 seconds).

Wong's record swim in the 50m butterfly came a day before he also posted a new CNMI mark in the 100m breaststroke (1:07.66).

Meanwhile, the Commonwealth swimmer joined two more qualifying races yesterday, but missed the CNMI marks

in the 100m butterfly and the 200m individual medley.

In the 100m butterfly race, Wong submitted 1:00.24, faltering in his bid to shatter the 24-year record of Alex Screen (59.00 seconds/Aug. 25, 1987). He timed in at 28.43 seconds in the first 50m of the race and completed the last 50m at 31.81 seconds. Wong was entered on Heat 3 and finished fifth in the group. Hong Kong's Chunyin Kong topped the heat with his 57.11 seconds, while Phillips had the best qualifying time at 52.15 seconds.

In the 200m IM, Wong

clocked in at 2:13.65, which is more than three seconds off his personal best and CNMI record (2:10.18) made during the 14th FINA World Championships in Shanghai, China, last month. Wong was on Heat 2 and placed fifth out of the eight finishers. He recorded 29.27 seconds in the butterfly, 34.11 seconds in the backstroke, 38.44 seconds in the breaststroke, and 31.83 seconds in the freestyle.

Wong's last event in the six-day competition is the 50m breaststroke, which will have its qualifying heat this morning.

## Mancao crashes in road race

Meanwhile, in an email to *Saipan Tribune*, Wong said Matthew Mancao failed to finish the 156.8-kilometer road race in the Longgang Sports Center due to a crash in the first four kilometer of the event.

"We are very fortunate he is not injured. A biker from New Zealand broke his arm and was sent home. After the crash, there are about 15 cars that followed the riders and many accidents happened after bikers have crashed," Wong said.

## SHIRLEY'S

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win in seven games, logging two goals apiece. David Duenas

and Matt Holley had one goal each for the winning team.

Jin Han Yoon and Kirk Schuler were the only two players who scored for IT&E, which absorbed its sixth loss in a row.

## Go Green 6, Mellow Yellow 2

Go Green closed out its first-round campaign with a 6-2 triumph over Mellow Yellow.

Go Green improved to a 3-2-2

mark for a share of third place with Docomo, while Mellow Yellow remained at the bottom four of the eight-team field with its dismal 1-6-0 slate (seventh place).

Russelle Zapanta had a hat-

trick for Go Green, while Panapa Peteru, Semisi, and Jack Phan chipped in one goal each. Suriya Mongkhonath and Woo Ho Jin posted one apiece for Mellow Yellow.

## SHORTIES

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were not made available. Four teams made up the division.

A total of 16 teams joined the event.

## ALI'I

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Mobil dropped to a 3-1 record, leaving Namfrel/Proa (2-0) as the lone unbeaten team in the nine-field squad.

The defending champion notched the win after almost losing the match by forfeiture. Ali'i Konflikt had only four players available for the match when the starting buzzer sounded. League organizers gave the defending champion the standard 15-minute forfeiture time and with about five minutes left, Jawn Joyner came to complete the starting five. Other Ali'i Konflikt players arrived in the second quarter.

Despite being outnumbered by the 12-man roster of Mobil, Ali'i Konflikt hung in there and even had the lead most of the time in the first half. Mobil failed to capitalize on Ali'i Konflikt's depleted crew early on and was a bit complacent in the first half, while the latter

Notably, the Open Family division games were called off due to rain late afternoon.

All first place finishers received individual medals.

"On behalf of the Division of Youth Services, we would like to thank all of the players and

their families for coming out this weekend, BANMI Referee Association president Gabriel White and the rest of the FIBA officials, Joe and Verna Diaz of the Rollers Basketball Club, volunteer Chris Aguinaldo, and all of the 2011 DYS Summer

kept its nose for loose balls and were more active on fastbreak plays and offensive rebounds.

By the end of the third period, Ali'i Konflikt threatened to pull away, leading by nine, 59-50. A quick 4-0 scoring with only less than a minute gone by in the fourth stretched the advantage to 13. Ali'i Konflikt led by as much as 16 midway in the fourth before Jun Estolas anchored a Mobil comeback.

Estolas' 3-point play sliced the lead to six, 65-71, with 3:27 left on the clock. However, Ali'i Konflikt regrouped and answered with a short 6-0 run for a 77-69 cushion, 1:08 to go in the match.

After Estolas' three points, Mobil had a chance to move further when Ali'i Konflikt made a couple of misses in their offensive sets. However, Peter Lizama also muffed a layup and when Ali'i Konflikt picked up the rebound, Jawn Joyner broke free for a fast-break layup. Another Mobil miss returned possession to Ali'i Konflikt and with the 24-second shot

clock ticking, Elmer Esdrelon connected on a floater, giving his team a 75-69 lead.

After his crucial basket, Esdrelon made a big defensive stop, picking Jorge De Guzman's pocket and later feeding Ivan Devero for another fast-break basket, 77-69.

Mobil tried to bounce back anew behind the successive baskets of Estolas, but ran out of time.

Devero led all scorers with his 26 points despite reporting for the game late in the first period, while Joyner added 14. Esdrelon chipped in 11.

Estolas scored 22, but most of his baskets came in the fourth quarter when MAFEA started loosening up a bit on defense. Gyles Ruloked contributed 14, but was held to only one field goal in the second half.

## MASTERS MDX/Armotech 110, MAFEA/RNV 77

In the masters division, MDX/

Camp volunteers. We also want to send special thanks to Elias Rangamar, NMC's AHEC and Cultura Athletics," said event organizer Abner Venus.

## U12 Finals

Shorties 21 – Morales 13,



Armotech had a rousing debut after routing MAFEA/RNV, 110-77.

M D X's guards did most of the damages for the team with Martin Moreno exploding for 21 points and James Abuy tallying 28. Ariel Jinang, Bernard Montano, and Ferdie Tobias also finished in double figures and combined for 32 markers.

The winning team compensated for its lack of ceiling by playing a fast-paced game and shooting from outside. MDX had eight triples and made most of them unchallenged, as MAFEA/RNV players were a step slow on extending their defense. MDX also walked away with easy fastbreak layups, capitalizing on MAFEA's failure to go back to transition defense quickly.

MDX pressed on the pedal at the start of the second half, turn-

Abobo 6, Alfred 2.

**We Are True 14** – Carlo 6, Cruz 3, J Metran 3, Factor 2.

## U15 finals

**F-Rollers 21** – Sabino 7, Pangelinan 6, Ano 4, Florensa 4.

**Boys to Win 4** – Preze 4.

## First Game

**MDX/Armotech 110** – Moreno 31, Abuy 28, Jinang 14, Montano 11, Tobias 10, Trajano 8, Banatasa 6, Crisostimo 4.

**MAFEA/RNV 77** – Pineda 16, Manalili 14, Bicera 12, Cosino 10, Vistal 8, Guirey 7, Dela Torre 6, Sevilla 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 12-16, 43-36, 72-53, 110-77.

## Second Game

**MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt 79** – Devero 26, Joyner 14, Esdrelon 11, Mendoza 9, Guiab 6, Talania 5, Tumaquip 2, Barrios 2.

**Bayani/Mobil 76** – Estolas 22, Ruloked 14, Gamboa 10, Aughenbaugh 7, Lizama 6, De Guzman 5, Sharry 4, Fernando 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-19, 42-36, 59-50, 79-76.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	46	.617	—
Boston	74	47	.612	1/2
Tampa Bay	65	56	.537	9 1/2
Toronto	62	60	.508	13
Baltimore	47	73	.392	27

##### Central Division

Detroit	65	57	.533	—
Cleveland	60	57	.513	2 1/2
Chicago	60	60	.500	4
Minnesota	53	68	.438	11 1/2
Kansas City	50	73	.407	15 1/2

##### West Division

Texas	71	52	.577	—
Los Angeles	65	58	.528	6
Oakland	54	68	.443	16 1/2
Seattle	53	68	.438	17

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### EAST DIVISION

Philadelphia	78	42	.650	—
Atlanta	72	51	.585	7 1/2
New York	59	63	.484	20
Washington	58	62	.483	20
Florida	57	65	.467	22

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	72	51	.585	—
St. Louis	65	58	.528	7
Cincinnati	59	63	.484	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	58	63	.479	13
Chicago	54	69	.439	18
Houston	39	84	.317	33

##### West Division

Arizona	69	53	.566	—
San Francisco	66	57	.537	3 1/2
Colorado	57	67	.460	13
Los Angeles	55	66	.455	13 1/2
San Diego	55	69	.444	15

#### Yesterday's Games

Arizona 3, Philadelphia 2  
Washington 6, Cincinnati 4  
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 4, 11 innings  
Atlanta 2, San Francisco 1, 11 innings  
Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 5  
Milwaukee 2, L.A. Dodgers 1  
Florida 6, Colorado 5  
San Diego 6, N.Y. Mets 1  
Boston 3, Tampa Bay 1, 1st game  
Detroit 7, Minnesota 1  
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 2, 2nd game  
N.Y. Yankees 9, Kansas City 7  
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox  
Oakland 8, Baltimore 4  
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 3  
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### LOCAL SCORES

#### UFO STANDINGS

##### OPEN

Namfrel/Proa	2	0
Bayani/Mobil	3	1
Visminda/Sattbahi	3	1
UPAA/Hoopaholics	3	1
Ali'i Konflikt	2	2
Cabalen/Noni	1	1
NMBA/Mixed Blood	1	2
MDX/Blue Haus	0	3
Cavite/Andok's	0	4

##### MASTERS

MDX/Armotech	1	0
Cabalen/Wings Travel	1	0
MAFEA/RNV	0	1
VisMinda/Piahi	0	1
Ebisuya	0	0

#### FUTSAL LEAGUE

##### STANDINGS

##### WOMEN'S

	W	L	D
Shirley's B	6	1	0
Shirley's A	6	1	0
IT&E Awesome	5	2	0
Thai Team	3	3	0
Red Team	3	4	0
Kulet's Team	2	4	0
Mellow Yellow	2	5	0
IT&E Blossom	0	7	0

##### MEN'S

Wild Bill's	6	1	0
Korean Futsal	6	1	0
Red Inter	4	1	2
Docomo	3	2	2
Go Green	3	2	2
IT&E Men	2	6	0
Mellow Yellow	1	6	0
Thundercats	0	7	0



# UFO Youth and Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011

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Samahang Ilokano and Pangasinense join the parade with their two muses.



Boy Garcia (1) and Arman Anasan (7) lead VisMinda/PIAHL.



MDX Amateur Radio Club enters the court to start the parade of teams during the opening of the UFO Youth and Masters Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 last Sunday at the Civic Center in Susupe.



A Samahang Laguna player escorts their muse during the parade of teams.



MDX's Pebbles Inos, second right, and Christine Ecsamilla, second left, receive the Best in Muse award from Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig, left, and UFO's Boy Ching.



Philippine Consul General Medardo Macaraig delivers a brief message during the opening ceremony.



Defending Masters champion Cabalen/Wings Travel takes its turn in the parade of teams.



Players of Jets make their way to the Civic Center Basketball Court.



Two kids join MAFEA/RNV players in the parade of teams.



MDX Amateur Radio Club's Masters players parade with two muses.





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## Wong marks CNMI record in 50m fly



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**R**ezne Wong included the 50m butterfly race to his list of events in the 2011 Summer Universiade and in the process added another CNMI record to his credit.



Wong, who earlier told *Saipan Tribune* he will compete in only five events (50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke, 100m butterfly, and 200 individual medley), joined the qualifying heat in the 50m butterfly on Monday at the Natatorium of Universiade Center in Shenzhen, China. He timed in at 26.66 seconds to set a new CNMI mark and surpass the record of Kai Staal (27.87 seconds/April 16, 2011).

The 20-year-old swimmer was one of the 70 individuals who raced in the 50m butterfly and his quali-

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## Shirley's B wins battle of sister teams

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Shirley's B showed no love lost to sister team Shirley's A, as the former pulled off a 5-4 victory in their women's division game in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League on Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Alexa Vergara and Marilee Gariguez scored two goals apiece for Shirley's B, while Jeralyn Castillo added one to improve their team's win-loss-

draw record to 6-1-0. The victory also put Shirley's B back into the lead in the eight-team field, sharing the top spot with Shirley's A.

Shirley's A absorbed its first loss in the double-round robin competition after falling short in the second half. It tallied only two goals, both came from Irish Pagarao, against Shirley's B's three. Pagarao tallied one more goal in the second, while Jeraldine Castillo also lit up the scoreboard for Shirley's A in the final 25 minutes of play. Shirley's B matched Shirley's A's output in the second half and kept the win

when Vergara scored her second goal and Jeralyn Castillo also found the back of the net.

### IT&E Awesome 3, Red Team 2

In the other women's game, IT&E Awesome edged Red Team, 3-2.

IT&E Awesome hit all its goals in the second half to bounce back from a 0-1 half-time deficit and steal the win.

Zoe Jewell gave Red Team the lead with her goal in the first half. In the second half, Michelle Masga and Fedora Camacho scored for IT&E to grab the

lead, 2-1, and Connie Camacho added one more for the cushion, 3-1. Two minutes before the game concluded Jewell drilled her second goal.

IT&E Awesome now has a 5-2-0 slate for second place, two notches ahead of Red Team (3-4-0)

### MEN'S Red Inter 6, IT&E 2

Red Inter won the first men's match of the night, thumping IT&E, 6-2.

Dale Roberts and Arkie Reusora anchored Red Inter's fourth

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MAFEA/Al'i Konflikt's Ivan Devero, left, challenges the defense of Bayani/Mobil's Gil Gapor during their game in the UFO Bud Cup caging last Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

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## Al'i Konflikt hands Mobil first loss

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MAFEA/Al'i Konflikt secured its second straight victory after stunning the then undefeated Bayani/Mobil, 79-76, in the UFO

Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup on Tuesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Al'i Konflikt threw jabs at Mobil in the first three quarters and then unleashed the killer blows in the fourth to start a winning streak after losing their first two matches.

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U12 Shorties C.J. Morales and Kenji Abobo smile for the camera after accepting their first place medals in last Saturday's FIBA 33 three-on-three basketball tournament at the Garapan Basketball Court.



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U15 F-Rollers' Deon Sabino, Braylan Florensca, Toshi Pangelinan, and Jeran Ano are all smiles after winning last Saturday's FIBA 33 three-on-three basketball tournament at the Garapan Basketball Court.



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U17 TUGZ's John Darag, John Cenir, Mike Taitano, and Dixon Kwon pose with FIBA referees after accepting their first place medallions in last Saturday's FIBA 33 three-on-three basketball tournament at the Garapan Basketball Court.

## Shorties, F-Rollers, TUGZ take top honors on FIBA 33 caging

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U12's Shorties, U15's F-Rollers, and U17's TUGZ were crowned champions of their respective

divisions in last Saturday's FIBA 33, three-on-three basketball competition at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Shorties' C.J. Morales, Maeog Metran, Joshua Alfred, and

Kenji Abobo defeated We Are True, 21-14, in the U12 finals. Morales carried the torch with 13 points; the halftime scores were not made available. Six teams



made up the division.

F-Rollers' Jeran Ano, Deon Sabino, Toshi Pangelinan, and Braylan Florensca routed Boys To Win, 21-4, in the U15 title match.

A well-balanced attack in the opening frame gave the F-Rollers a 12-2 margin at the half and Sabino secured the win with a string of seven points in the clutch; he led all scorers in the game. Six

teams made up the division.

TUGZ's John Cenir, John Darag, Mike Taitano, and Dixon Kwon defeated Big 3, 24-14, but individual scoring statistics

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